

Local Taxation for Public Education Popular in North Carolina.

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What It Is, and How to Get It.
Under section 4115 of the Public School Law of North Carolina, upon a petition of one-fourth of the free holders residing therein, a special tax district may be laid off within any definitely fixed boundaries, and upon approval of the said petition by the County Board of education, an election upon a special tax for the support of schools within that district, not to exceed thirty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property and ninety cents on the poll, must be ordered by the Board of County Commissioners. It is a majority of the qualified voters vote for the special tax, said tax must be annually levied and the funds arising from it must be placed to the credit of said special tax districts, and be subject to the order of the school committee of said special tax district, for the benefit of the public schools of the district. An election, therefore, upon local taxation for the improvement of its public schools is thus placed within easy reach of any school district in North Carolina. The funds raised from this source are, of course, in addition to all funds apportioned to the district from the general State and county fund.

Bills for petitions and election returns will be furnished upon application to the State or County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Need of It.
This business of public education is like any other great business. For successfully conducting it, enough capital must be invested in it to supply the necessary equipment and to employ the necessary number of competent, trained men and women to carry on the business according to modern, progressive business and professional principles. Comparative statistics show that North Carolina is still behind most of her sister States in teacher salaries, in length of school term, in value of school house and equipment, and in general expenditures for school purposes. The average school term in the rural school of North Carolina is 86 days. The average monthly salary of rural white teachers is \$30.24; the average annual salary is \$130.07.

For better houses and equipment, better teachers and more of them, better supervision and longer school term, more money is the fundamental need. The constitutional limit of general State and county taxation has already been reached in all the counties of the State but one. A special annual State appropriation of \$200,000 has already been made by the General Assembly to provide a four months' school term. It is evident, therefore, to any reasonable man, that the only practical means of further increasing the school fund of any local school is special local taxation. Practically all other States and all the communities of this State that have provided educational facilities adequate in buildings and equipment, length of term, number of teachers, salary and qualification of teachers and course of instruction to meet the demands of the age for the education of all the children, have been compelled to resort to special local taxation to supplement the funds received from general taxation. More than 69 per cent. of all the funds raised for public schools in the United States is raised by local taxation. In some States, like Massachusetts, having the best equipped public schools, more than 95 per cent. of the funds is raised by local taxation. In North Carolina, the only cities, towns and rural communities that have succeeded in providing a system of schools, open eight or ten months in the year, adequately equipped with houses and teachers, have been compelled to supplement their State and county school funds by local taxation. The experience of other States and of these communities in our own State compels, therefore, the conclusion that the only hope of largely increasing the present available funds for rural schools, and thereby making these schools equal to the demands of the age for the education of 82 per cent. of our population dwelling in the country is to be found in the adoption of local taxation.

CHICAGO TO WASHINGTON.

"Little Wolf", A Sioux Indian Chief, Riding His Broncho From Chicago To Washington.

Norfolk, Va., May 25th. Among all the shows on the War Path at the Jamestown Exposition on Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, Virginia, it may be safely said that, while they are all good, none will excel the "101 Ranch" Wild West Show. Much has been written and said of this wonderful Western production on the shores of Famous Hampton Roads but the half has not been told, nor could it be comprehended if told. It must be seen to be appreciated. To bring the push, vim, dare-devil escapades of the plains into the midst of the staid, old, aristocratic East, and show them as they are beyond the Mississippi, is in itself a daring feat.

By way of further exploiting this Wild West Show, "Little Wolf" a full blood Sioux Indian Chief, left Chicago on horse-back Monday morning May 5th, and is now riding to Washington to extend a personal invitation to President Roosevelt to be present at the opening of the "101 Ranch Wild West Show on the afternoon of May 30th.

The buffalo is just one of the fifty or more features with the big show. Five hundred cowboys, cowgirls, Indian and Mexicans engage in this chase.

FRIENDS IN RANDOLPH.

Board of Church Extension Planning to Do Evangelistic Work in Randolph.

While in Asheboro Monday Rev. Eli Reese, of High Point, talked interestingly of the work of the Board of the church of Friends in Randolph. This section is receiving special attention at the hands of the Board of Church extension and plans are being laid for advancing the work in the county.

For some time the matter of erecting a meeting house in Asheboro has been under consideration and it now seems that in the near future Asheboro will be made a central meeting point for a large territory which has no church but with a large membership.

It is learned that the Board of Church Extension has decided to elect an evangelist to take charge of the work in the State and Asheboro will be made the principal point of development. The name of the evangelist to take charge of the work will be announced at a meeting of the board to be held within the next ten days.

WILL CELEBRATE.

Big Time at Worthville July 4th—Hon. W. W. Kitchen Invited—Boat Racing Will be a Feature.

The people of Randolph county know what it means when Worthville people say they are going to celebrate the fourth of July. It has been just five years since we held our last celebration. The occasion this year promises to be the best we have ever had. Hon. W. W. Kitchen has been invited to deliver the address.

The exercise will be held in the Beautiful "River View" Park, North of town. This park contains 50 acres of beautiful timber land, is about one mile in length and has a nice river view of one mile and a half. The generous manager of the Worth Mfg. Co., has placed one half dozen nice steel row boats, on the mill pond, and among other things, there will be boat racing which will be very interesting and exciting. Everybody is invited to attend. There will be a crack game of base ball in the afternoon.

Hon. J. R. Llewellyn Very Ill.

News comes from Surry that Hon. J. R. Llewellyn, a leading lawyer of Dobson, is critically ill. He is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and member of the State Board of Elections. His many friends throughout the State will hope to soon hear of his recovery.

WHY NOT ACADEMY.

Closing Exercises of Academy and Business Institute.

ADDRESS BY CHAS. L. HOLTON OF ASHEBORO.

Medals Awarded to Three Students for Efficiency in Work During the Past Year—Prof. Weatherly Delivered Young Ladies' Address.

The closing exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute were held last Thursday. The day was beautiful and clear, and the crowd in attendance was simply immense; some estimating the number at three thousand or more. There were three contests for gold medals; the children's medal was won by Miss Ethel King of Meffield. The young ladies' medal given by Mr. E. L. Anman was won by Miss Sallie Stack, of Sragov. The young men's medal was won by Mr. J. F. Morgan, of Swinton, N. C.

The students acquitted themselves well, thus reflecting credit on themselves and teachers. This was the best commencement in the history of the school as was also the term just closed.

Chas. L. Holton Esq., of Asheboro, delivered the address. He spoke of education in a general way. He gave good advice, and handled his subject in a masterly manner. Prof. D. M. Weatherly, of Franklinville, delivered the young ladies' medal in a speech of well chosen words. He said that the committee wished Misses Justa Yow and Mary Branson to have special mention in this contest, but decided that Miss Sallie Stack was entitled to the medal. Mr. Holton delivered the other two medals in short, but appropriate speeches.

MASONIC RALLY.

Big Celebration At Ramseur Tuesday July Fourth.

CONGRESSMAN W. W. KITCHEN, OF ROXBORO, WILL DELIVER THE ADDRESS.

The Entire Citizenship of Randolph County Invited to Enjoy That Day With The Masons. Big Masonic Procession to be One of The Features of The Occasion.

On the fourth of July the Masonic Fraternity will assemble at Ramseur for a fourth of July celebration.

The Masons from this section are expected to be there in great numbers, and Ramseur will make preparations for the comfort and pleasure of all who attend.

Congressman W. W. Kitchen will deliver a Masonic address. Mr. Kitchen is one of the ablest speakers in North Carolina and his address will be a treat to everybody present.

The speaker will be escorted to the speaking place by the largest procession of Masons ever seen in this county.

Full particulars and the program will be published later. Everybody is invited to take their baskets and enjoy the day.

Leasing Oil Rights At Jackson Springs.

Aberdeen, N. C., May 24—J. W. Barry, of Pittsburg, representing Pennsylvania oil interests, is at Jackson Springs, leasing oil rights. He says he had an expert here some time ago, and discovered seepage oil near the springs. He says he will drill immediately.

Jno. T. Brittain returned Monday morning from a business trip to Texas.

NEW RULING IN GREAT \$4,000 CONTEST JUNE 1.

Contestants Should Begin Active Campaign for New Subscribers—Premium on New Ones; Special Premium on Clubs of Six.

SPECIAL PROPOSITION—During the month of June we will allow 400 votes for every new subscription and 300 votes for every dollar paid on old subscriptions and renewals. And for every club of six new subscribers sent in at one time during the first 15 days of June we will give 500 extra votes for the club.

ALL CAN GO TO JAMESTOWN—In order to give every one an opportunity to go with "THE COURIER SPECIAL" to Jamestown during North Carolina week at the great exposition, we will pay all expenses for any person who will get for us 100 new subscriptions for one year at \$1.00 each.

The above propositions are of mutual advantage to both The Courier and the contestants. We want during June to add one thousand names to our subscription list. This may sound large, but there are now seventy-five names registered in the contest, and if each one will send in fifteen new names we will overstep this number by a hundred and twenty-five names. Three clubs of six will give you 8,700 votes. See how fast it counts!

The past week has shown greatly increased activity and it will take hard work from now on to carry off one of the first prizes. And it should be remembered that no such opportunity as the one offered during the first fifteen days of June for new subscribers will be repeated during the contest.

CLIP COUPONS.

Arrangements should be made to vote all the coupons possible printed in The Courier each week, and care should be taken in clipping them so that no part is cut away.

No coupons can be counted after

Railroad Rate Battle.

The State has selected Hon. R. D. Gilmer for attorney general; Hon. J. E. Shepard, ex-chief justice; Hon. F. A. Woodard, of Wilson; Winston & Bryant, of Durham; and Hon. Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, to defend the rate law passed by the last General Assembly. The Corporation Commission will fight the attempt of the Southern to defeat the rate legislation to a finish.

New Normal College President.

Prof. Julian I. Foust who for the past year has acted president of the State Normal at Greensboro, since the death of the late Chas. D. McIver, has been elected to that office. Prof. Foust has held the chair of pedagogy for five years.

The best reformation in the world is the sort that begins by reforming ourselves, one by one.

Adams Painted in Lurid Colors—Butler Deals Out Heaps of Red Hot Stuff.

By THOMAS J. PENCE—In News & Observer.

ABOUT LISTING TAXES.

Should Every Citizen do His Duty Randolph Would be one of the State's Wealthiest Counties.

It has been asserted by many that Randolph is a "beggar county." A citizen who had heard these reports wrote to the State Auditor, Dr. B. F. Dixon to ascertain the facts, and the following extracts are taken from Dr. Dixon's reply:

"The total cost to the State for Randolph county last year, including the appropriations to the hospitals, disabled soldiers, pensions and public schools, amounted to \$14,000.55.

The total amount received by the State from Randolph county was \$11,881.70, so that the State paid into Randolph county \$3,078.85 more than was received."

Does anybody believe that Randolph county is so poor as to be a beggar? If every citizen will list his real estate as required by law, Randolph county would not ask the State for one cent and we could have a six months' public school term, build a new court house without issuing bonds or making a long-standing debt of any kind, and we could soon have every bridge we need and plenty of good roads. List-takers should do their sworn duty.

WELBORN-DAVIS.

Surprise Marriage of Randolph Young People at Greensboro.

J. S. Welborn, of Burlington, and Miss Jennie Davis, of Asheboro, were united in marriage Friday afternoon at the home of F. G. Spearman, at Greensboro. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, pastor of the First Baptist church.

It was a surprise marriage and witnessed by none but a few intimate friends of the young couple.

Mrs Welborn is a daughter of Stanton Davis, one of Randolph's best citizens living on Randleman R. F. D. No. 1. For several months she was the popular saleslady with Morris-Scarboro-Moffitt Co.

Mr Welborn is a member of the Burlington House Furnishing Company, of Burlington and formerly lived near Archdale.

Roller Mill Changes Hands.

The Salisbury Roller Mill Co. has been reorganized with the following officers:

T. G. Williamson, president; D. E. Guernant, vice-president and general manager; W. F. Snider, secretary and treasurer.

The capital stock of the company is \$15,000 with privilege to increase to \$50,000.

On the 1st of June Mr. D. E. Guernant, for twelve years manager of the Dan Valley Roller Mills at Danville, becomes manager of the mills.

A Case of Leprosy!

It is reported in Goffney that a well-defined case of Leprosy has been discovered at Ninety-Nine Islands, 13 miles from there, where the Southern Power Company is building a barn for the installation of an electric power plant. It is supposed that the man is one of the workmen.

Will Move to Reidsville.

A. T. Julian, who lives near Clinch, in Randolph county, was in Reidsville this week trying to secure a house for his family, which he desires to bring here to reside. Mr. Julian is a representative of the Raleigh Medicine Co., of Illinois.—Reidsville Review.

Carthage Negro Arrested.

Clay Tyson, a negro wanted in Carthage for assault with a deadly weapon and various other offenses, was arrested last week at Greensboro. He has a bad reputation.

Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed Commissioner H. B. Varner, who will not run for re-election.

The Huckleberry Statesman Wields The Big Stick in North Carolina on the Republican State Chairman—A Political Obituary—A Hint About Indian Territory.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Ex Senator Marion Butler added another contribution today to the controversy between the Republican Chairman Adams and himself, and it comes nearer being of the asbestos variety than any that has yet been submitted to the public consideration. In this rejoinder to Judge Adams, the former Populist Senator employs the most approved White House language, using such expressions as "unqualifiedly false," "cowardly and base falsehood," "wholly false" "the methods of Satan," "guilty of ingratitude" "treacherous," etc. This sounds very much as if the President was proposing a new name for "the Liar's Club," but such is not the case. It only shows that Rooseveltian invective is being read and employed by statesmen of less luminary powers.

Ex-Senator Butler does not mince words. He goes into the history of recent patronage disputes, and gives the inside story of the fight over the Raleigh postmaster-ship. The Sampson statesman refuses to be read out of the party and charges Judge Adams with an effort to wreck the Industrial News. He declares that he has the endorsement of his own county, refers to the defect of the State Chairman in his own ward primary during the Butler-Adams-Blackburn fight. The Ex-Senator who has just returned from the South says in his statement:

"A Few Alleged Facts" Noticed.

"I do not care to notice that part of Mr. Adams' personal abuse which is simply an aggregation of coarse epithets, but he attempts to give some color and excuse for his tirade by referring to a few alleged facts. These I will briefly notice.

"First, I understand that he claims that I have interfered to hold up the Jefferson. (North Carolina) postoffice appointment. This matter I have never mentioned to him nor to the postoffice department, nor to any other official of the government, from the President down. This Mr. Adams knows or could have known.

"He, no doubt, has one real grievance against me about a postoffice matter; I refer to Hickory, N. C. In that case, after much duplicity and false promises, he refused to recommend for appointment a man that the county committee and nine-tenths if not a larger proportion of the patrons of the office wanted.

"His false and treacherous conduct in this matter raised such a storm of protest, in which I joined, that he was forced to withdraw his first recommendation and make the proper appointment. Here is his real grievance so far as postoffice matters are concerned, but he has not the courage nor truthfulness to state it.

One of the "Unqualified" Nailed.

"Second, I understand that he charges that the first difficulty between himself and me dates back to the time when the Republican members of the legislature were selecting their caucus candidate for the Senate. The reporter says that he was informed in Greensboro that I desired the nomination and though Judge Adams, who made no efforts to secure votes, received all of them but one. This is unqualifiedly false in every respect, and Adams knows it. I never spoke one word to a member of the legislature about the matter and never permitted any of my friends to do so. I received letters, however, saying that Mr. Adams or his friends were soliciting members of the legislature to vote for him, and wanting to know if I would permit the use of my name. I answered three letters, and in one of them (a copy of which I kept) to Representative Kennedy, of Sampson county, I ask-