

THE NORTH CAROLINA CLUB STUDIES TAXATION SYSTEM

INTERESTING FACTS BROUGHT OUT CONCERNING CONDI- TION OF STATE

That the average tax payer in North Carolina demands a great deal but pays very little in comparison to the benefits he derives from living in the state, was shown by A. O. Joines, of Alleghany county, at the regular meeting of the North Carolina Club Monday night.

"The greatest source of revenue in the state," said Mr. Joines, "is the general property tax. Who pays it? Two-thirds of the whites of all ages own no property and pay no taxes, unless it be poll tax; two-fifths of the whites who pay property taxes pay no less than \$500, or \$2.36 per capita for state support; three-fifths of all the white property owners pay no less than \$1000 or \$4.76 per year; and, most amazing of all, six per cent of the white tax payers of the state own more than half of all the real and personal property, and therefore pay more than half of the general property taxes that reach the state treasury. The other tax revenues come from poll taxes, special taxes and business taxes.

"But what goes with the tax payer's dollar? It is expended as follows: Public education and libraries 33.2%, charity, hospitals and corrections 18.3%, pensions and the Confederate Home 10.9%, public buildings and equipment 9.4%, interest on funded and floating debt 8.3%, the Civil Establishment 6.6%, conservation of natural resources 5.2%, protection of persons and property 4.4%, conservation of health 2.4%, incidental .7%, educational recreation .12% and public highways .10%. A glance at this list will convince the dullest tax payer that the taxes he pays are spent directly for benefits for the home and family. The schools educate his children; the courts protect him from violence and fraud; the afflicted and unfortunate members of his home circle are being cared for at Morganton or Raleigh; the State Board of Health is busy the whole state over fighting preventable disease and postponable death. Nor is his a wasteful, extravagant state government because only 6 2-3 cents of every dollar in the state treasury went to pay the men who carry out the will of the people, while 93 1-3 cents was devoted to creating better opportunities and greater safety for the people of the state. The operating cost of state government in North Carolina during 1914 was the smallest of any state in the Union, or only 14 cents per inhabitant.

"No state in the Union is operated more inexpensively than North Carolina. No state government returns to the people larger benefits for the taxes they pay. The benefits have been small because the state revenues have been small; and the state revenues have been small because the average tax payer's notions of taxation have been small. Only recently have we begun to realize this fact and to vote more liberal appropriations. The legislature of 1917 has just written the most hopeful chapter in the aggressive history of North Carolina in a hundred years."

Never judge by appearances.
Every bird is known by its feathers.—Ex.

Class Baseball to be Launched Right Away

The time is gradually drawing near when the class teams will have to fight it out for the championship in baseball. In fact the first game, which is to be between the freshmen and the sophomores is scheduled to be played on April 10. So far, it looks as if the winning team is to be either the freshmen or the seniors; for the sophomores and juniors do not seem to have pep enough to go out and make up a team. The winning of this series will mean a great deal toward the final average; and, although the sophomores are now in the lead, the winners in baseball will be placed on an even basis with them. There will be no postponed games.

The schedule of class games is as follows:

April 10—Fresh vs. Sophs.
April 12—Juniors vs. Seniors.
April 17—Sophs. vs. Juniors.
April 18—Seniors vs. Fresh.
April 20—Fresh. vs. Juniors.
April 25—Sophs. vs. Seniors.
April 30—Fresh. vs. Sophs, and Juniors vs. Seniors.
May 1—Sophs. vs. Juniors, and Seniors vs. Fresh.
May 2—Fresh. vs. Juniors, and Sophs. vs. Seniors.

Just Gossip

"I oughta be a corporal, anyway," said private Toler. "I can execute any command in the manual of arms."—etc., for five minutes.

"Well, try a few and let's see. About face! Forward *Harrch!*" And they closed the door after him.

"This here military training is a funny thing," said Zollie, "learning the best way to get shot at!"

The organization of the University Army has given a large number of freshmen an opportunity to assert themselves. They are making themselves useful (for the first time) as corporals.

Seems as if that Weeks boy is a second Rudy.

A home run or so every game isn't a bad record. They are thinking of making a gate in the south fence, which would be a great convenience to the left fielders.

As Bill Folger said—"If gold footballs stand for beating Virginia, I hope every football man from now until Doomsday will be wearing that kind of watch charm."

If you need lights, hook them out of Chapel, not off the parade ground.

The University has elected to achieve military greatness rather than have military greatness thrust upon it by legislative enactment. It is no uncommon sight now to see squads of men marching to class, to the Pickwick, and to meals.

The pits on Emerson Field have at last been fixed and the standards have been moved down. The run-aways are still loose, but coach Brown hopes to get everything in good shape so that practice can go forward without a hitch as soon as the weather clears up. The track is settling well and responding beautifully to rake and roller.



Order
a case
for home

—and keep a couple of bottles up close to the ice—and when old Mr. Sun gets too busy for comfort, go get one of them—and watch the thirst fly. Nothing like a tall, tinkling glass of

PEPSI-Cola

Just get a case—try one from your grocer and see how EASY it is to keep cool and comfy even in mid-summer—with that "tangy," tasty, thirst-killer close at hand.

Because of the damage their spikes do to the surface of the cinders, the baseball men have been asked to keep on the grass when they take their final run.

A new form of amusement has been discovered in the drill held every evening. Carolina men are determined to be as good as any body else when the call comes. We have a lingering suspicion that our boys can go across No Man's Land with as easy a stride as some of our grand dads went up Cemetery Ridge.

(Fastidious was little George,
He hated cherry pie.
For fear his pa would get a gorge
He stopped it with a sigh.)

One day it happened that his pa
Did proffer him a hatchet,
And when the cherry tree he saw
He felled it—and did "catch it"

The pater then reproved him
And George again did sigh
And looked just like a cherubim
And did not tell a lie.

That day when they had gone to
dinner
There was no cherry pie
And every day they both grew
thinner
And finally did die.



Never howl until you are hit.

TIME SAVERS!

Every student wants to be *efficient* in all his college work.

In order to accomplish this, he must save time intelligently.

He must take good notes on class, because it is the only way to get it all in a brief and concise manner. Studying for *Exams* is then easy.

He must always have *pens, pencils, ink, note books, memory pads, paper.*

Then we want to *save all our good times.* Always have a Kodak and films at hand.

GET THEM AT

Foister's

A SURE CURE

A man with rheumatism joined the Christian Scientists. He was asked: "Did Christian Science cure you of rheumatism?"

"No, but rheumatism cured me of Christian Science."—Ex.

Some senior, no doubt, has been inspired by the brilliancy of banquets. What theme more laudable than the menu?

A is for affable Annie,
Who is younger, they say, than her granny.

Now, that I can't tell,
As I don't know her well,
But, anyhow, A is for Annie.—Ex.

In peace prepare for war.
Never cross a bridge until you come to it.—Ex.