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Taxes

Taxes are cursed more than any other one thing. Yet tax money brings far more blessings than any other money we spend.

In all civilized government, people pool their interests and handle all their public affairs jointly—such as school, where the same lesson may be taught to a dozen at a time as well as to one. The same road is used by all the community. Public officials serve all the people. Each person does not have to maintain his own school, build his own road, nor keep up his own officer. We can not have these things without cooperation.

The method followed is by means of taxation, which has always caused conflicts. Various people have different desires; some want small schoolhouses with short terms and at little cost; some want roads without cost to them. And when it comes to giving people what they want and then to them for the money to pay for it, there is generally trouble.

Some criticisms are very unjust; on the other hand, many justifiable complaints are heard. People can not understand why the cost of government, county, State, and national, should steadily climb, while other things decrease, such as corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco. So far as we know, no officer is lowering his own salary, and most of them are lowering the amount of their work.

What we need is more economy in spending tax money. Too little consideration is given to bills and accounts. Too many people, in drawing public funds, add just as much to their bills as they think will pass. Nobody makes affidavit to a bill. Thousands are lost by extravagant payments of padded bills presented by bridge builders, road builders, and many others. This county might save enough each year to pay a man to check up on its bills.

In school matters some corrections could well be made. The law makes a schedule which pays a poor teacher as much as a successful one, provided they both had the same educational advantages. Baseball teams require all players to make good, they do not hire them simply because they practice; they hire them because they can play. Our educational system is different. When the prospective teacher goes through school, he goes on the job, good or bad. Of course, many have to move at the end of the year; but he has not given much value in return for his salary.

More work and less fun in the schools would save considerable money to the taxpayer, and it would give the child much more knowledge than he now gets.

Taxes are a fine thing, but public officers are just a little extravagant with them. Nor does it stop at public officers, it applies to many others who happen to get in reach of public funds. The general disposition among many is to gouge the public.

Disregarding the Law

Recent observations in Williamston prove the disregard, or the ignorance, of the law by many citizens of the town. On two occasions during the past week when the fire alarm was sounded, drivers of cars and trucks soon filled the streets, many of them running at high speed.

The law requires all vehicles to stop promptly at the curb immediately upon the sounding of the fire alarm. Another thing that the law forbids is the rushing of cars in a jam immediately following the truck. The law requires all cars to stay as much as a block away, both in running and in parking.

People seem to have about the same respect for these laws as they have for most other laws. They obey those that suit them and violate those which do not suit them.

Cotton Goes Down—Stocks Go Up

Cotton goes lower and stocks in big business enterprises go higher. It is a strange thing to think about.

Some folks think the reason automobile stocks are high is because the farmers are giving all their cotton and a mortgage on their homes for cars, and all their other crops for gas and oil. After thinking it over, it sounds reasonable for automobile stocks to go up. Anything everybody wants goes higher, while things people don't want—and women don't want much cotton—is generally cheap.

Will They Merge?

It now looks like the party brand is about to rub off of everybody. Republicans are much disturbed because they say Mr. Hoover is too Democratic for them. Democrats are hampered because they are not used to being driven by a Wall Street bridge, with a Union League Republican holding the lash.

Southern democracy has never thought Wall Street domination, which has owned and ruled the Republican party for half a century, meant economic freedom for this country.

Parties without principles are not apt to do the people much good.

The campaign so far seems nothing more than the grand champion race for office, with all platforms thrown overboard and no kinsfolks recognized. It is a campaign for office only.

Labor Costs Too High

Four dollars and three drinks of liquor a day is the wage now being paid "primers" by a few Martin County tobacco farmers.

No industry or business can prosper when people engaged in that business have so little consideration for their neighbors. Such prices are altogether unreasonable and demoralize labor in the community. Yet the price is not against the law. One has the right to pay any price he wishes, even his whole crop for one day's work. But they do violate the law when they give liquor to drink as a part of the consideration for their work.

It would be proper for farmers who wish to deal fairly with their fellows—to bring any neighbor who enticed labor with liquor before the courts and teach him a lesson.

Georgia Prices Disappointing

The prices of tobacco in the South Georgia markets are by no means encouraging—about 30 per cent lower than last year. This news will bring sorrow to many tobacco farmers. The only way to meet the situation is to use rigid economy in housing and handling the crop.

Bad Scent in Politics This Year

Everybody loves politics when it is good clean decent politics, with a principle. But just at this juncture nobody seems to be pleased. The folks act just as if things don't smell right in politics this year. And the sad thing about it is that there seems to be no relief in sight.

The Farmers and the Politicians

The farmers have a hard time getting something to suit the politicians. Coolidge and his gang have dallied with them for five years with great promises; and when it was put up to Coolidge to do something, he flunked, to the disgust of the American farmer.

Governor Smith has recently reviewed the entire case and said Mr. Coolidge was right, but he held fast to one important thing—a new promise. And he said to the farmers of America, "You fellows wait here. Let me think for a minute. I know I can help you fellows; and while I think you vote for me."

If the farmers ever get anything from any politicians, they will have to do like other folks—point a dagger at their hearts and take it.

The Socialists' Claims

The Socialists say they find both the big parties, the Democratic and Republican, are running a "backstairs" campaign. They say that the high-ups, such as the manufacturer's league and the New York bankers are very friendly to both Mr. Smith and Mr. Hoover.

It is rather unusual to get two candidates that please one man.

It is practically certain that Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate, is not satisfactory to the manufacturer's association. The charges brought by the Socialist candidate may be correct, because everybody seems to have gone into the fight, regardless of what it takes.

Politicians Compliment the Preachers

It is a wonderful compliment the politicians are paying the preachers these days. They are saying on every corner, "Why, brother, you are too good to be in politics." In most cases they are correct. But the tables turn when the preachers insist on coming down and taking seats with the politicians. Then they are denounced as low-down renegades. It is a pity that politics sometimes get so dirty that it makes it necessary for preachers to go in to protect the people. The politicians generally are permitted to run things unmolested, but when great moral issues are at stake, they may as well make up their minds that good people reserve the right to speak and work for what they think is the best interest.

Can't Get Their Minds Off of Politics

Folks are trying to keep their minds off of politics, but they just can't do it, because everywhere you go it is either Smith and Hoover or Hoover and Smith just enough said to keep folks talking, and to keep them from thinking of better things.

Some are hoping to get office, some are trying to keep office. Honesty and truth in politics seem to be lost arts.

An Opportunity for the Stock Salesmen
Parking stations along the air route between America and Europe would pay well. The wonder is that some blue-sky promoter doesn't capitalize such a project. Plenty of folks invest just as foolishly.

NEW CHEVROLET PLANT IN SOUTH

Plant At Atlanta, Ga., Was Formally Opened During Past Week

The formal opening during the past week of the Chevrolet assembly plant in Atlanta, Ga., coming at a time when a similar plant is under construction in Kansas City, is further indication that there is to be no let-down in the company's extensive sales program.

The mammoth Atlanta plant, which has been in operation since May 1, is capable of turning out 350 cars each day, and was the eighth assembly plant to be opened by Chevrolet in this country. The Kansas City plant, with the same capacity, will be the ninth.

Atlanta last week welcomed their first opportunity of visiting the great assembly plant, and seeing the magic Chevrolet assembly line produce the world's most popular automobile from a set of seemingly unrelated parts. Atlanta newspapers welcomed Chevrolet to the southeast, and viewed the plant as a Southern institution. It was mainly southern contracting genius that built it in four months, one week, and six hours, several days before the contracted time had expired. Southern help has been operating it ever since the first car rolled off the line. It serves the southeastern market exclusively, supplying cars to the dealers of Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. A southerner, W. S. ("Crane") Roberts has been placed at the head of this, the newest and one of the greatest of the south's industrial institutions.

The plant covers 32 acres and occupies 410,000 square feet of floor space. There are five buildings, and in the main one the Fisher Body Company is using 160 by 760 square feet of space to build their famous bodies for the Chevrolet closed cars.

The plant is ideally located, with the tracks of the Southern Railroad paralleling its loading dock. Track storage for 300 freight cars is provided. Another facility to speed up deliveries is a drive-way shed, 40 by 220 feet, where dealers from near-by cities

DRY WEATHER FAVORS WEEVIL

Official Says Where 10 Per Cent Damage Is Done, Dusting Should Begin

Present weather conditions are favorable to the rapid development of boll weevils, and if the warm, humid condition continues damage by the insects will be widespread and will increase as the season advances.

"We are receiving an increased number of inquiries asking for information about dusting machines," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "The boll weevil is doing destructive damage in many cotton fields, and if present weather conditions continue, we may expect this damage to become more widespread. However, there will be more dusting with calcium arsenate for weevil control this year in North Carolina than

can take deliveries of cars. In his office at the plant, L. S. Costley, regional sales manager, has been directing a sales legion that has as its field 11,000,000 people in the five southeastern States. Figures for the southeastern automobile market show that it is rapidly becoming one of the best in the country with the demand for Chevrolet increasing rapidly. Due to the perfection of its product and the expansion of its sales forces, Chevrolet's sales record in the southeast has been second to none.

Official figures show that the number of Chevrolets sold in the southeastern region were 16,390 for the fiscal year 1924-25. The following year the figures reached 53,417. Last year the figures were more than 81,500. This fiscal year close to 95,000 sales have been registered.

The southeastern region, with headquarters at Atlanta, is composed of five zones with offices at various key points in the territory. These are located at Charlotte, N. C.; Columbia, S. C.; Birmingham, Ala.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Atlanta.

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W. G. Peets, W. A. Nelson By virtue of an execution to me directed from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 3rd day of September, 1928, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said W. A. Nelson, the defendant, has in the following real estate, to wit:

Beginning at Fred Jones' corner on State Highway No. 90, and running easterly along said highway to Tom Roebuck's corner, better known as Ed Jolly's corner; thence southwardly along said Roebuck's line to the Parmele Canal Company's land; thence westwardly along the canal to Fred Jones' line, and following the said Jones' line to the beginning, containing (60) sixty acres, more or less.

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TERRIBLY ILL

Kentucky Lady's Health Was Very Bad. Had Severe Pains and Could Not Sleep.

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. J. E. Nichols, who lives at 513 Elm Tree Lane, this city, says that Cardul has been of valuable assistance to her on two occasions, which she tells about below:

"Some few years ago, my health was bad. I had very severe pains in my sides. My nerves were in a terrible condition. I could not rest."

"The lower part of my body was very sore. I could hardly stoop over to lace my shoes. I would have to put my foot on a chair. I did not feel like eating, and did not sleep well at all at nights."

"A friend of mine recommended Cardul. I began taking it and saw quite an improvement in my condition. I kept it up until I felt strong and well."

About a year ago, Mrs. Nichols says, she found herself in a nervous, run-down condition. "I took Cardul again," she adds, "and it helped me wonderfully. It is a splendid tonic."

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in any previous year. Many dealers write us that this material is being distributed in large quantities." Mr. Brannon states that where the weevil is damaging 10 per cent of the squares, dusting should begin. A regular dusting schedule should then be followed. Mr. Brannon is positive that the weevil can be controlled by dusting cotton with calcium arsenate and those growers who are now suffering damage to their crops should give weevil control close attention. Proper control, in Mr. Brannon's opinion, is an excellent investment, and is not a dead expense as many have considered it. If only one boll per plant is saved by dusting, it will pay, and it is well known that careful dusting should save many more bolls per plant. But dusting must be done right or not at all. For those not familiar with the method, the extension service of State College has a circular describing the work in detail and those who may be interested can secure a copy of this publication free of charge on application to the agricultural editor.

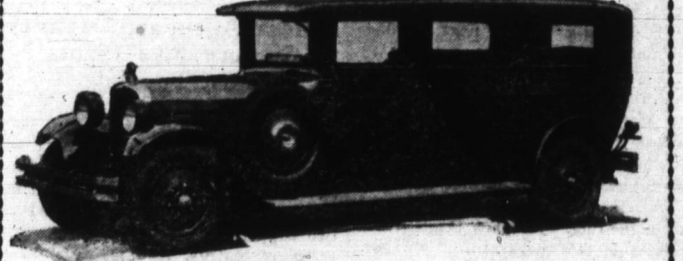
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