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More, Rather Than Less, Taxes Needed For Education

Taxation is the bedrock upon which all civil government stands. The more savage man is, the less taxes he pays. The greater his civilization, the greater his tax.

When America was discovered, the people paid no taxes; they had no civilization. Every tribe worked for itself and had no burdens other than ignorance, superstition, and drudgery, and the extreme burden of a constant watch and an unceasing warfare, both defensive and offensive, against some neighboring tribe. They were carrying a much heavier tax than we of the twentieth century are carrying, on the very same ground upon which they lived.

The tribes of central Africa are likewise taxless tribes. They have no levies other than the extreme burdens that are found in every land where we find no schools, no roads, no health departments, and nothing to pay taxes for. Yet they have burdens untold, far more than our North Carolina taxpayers have. They have hunger, disease, and death, and hardships uncounted. They have no advantages, even the privilege of paying taxes.

In this good American day, we are operating under another command, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law." We have to admit that transforming a people from the no-tax savage basis to a highly civilized tax basis is no small job, and that people often suffer losses and wasteful taxation. Sometimes it comes from ignorance of head, sometimes from dishonest hands.

After all is said and done and we take stock of ourselves and our institutions, we will find very little reason to complain that our various branches of government have called off us for taxes from year to year.

Figuring from purely a financial basis, our taxes bring big dividends. In the matter of public schools alone, the question of tax is fully answered. Taking the present year as a basis, we find Martin County is providing 900,000 days of schooling for its children each year.

Each child in Martin County is given—if he will accept it—1,760 days of schooling before he is sent out to make his own way in life. Does it pay either the father or the boy? During the 11 years the boy goes to school the family pays an average tax—1927 basis—of \$42.75 annually; or for all the 11 years the boy is in school—all the taxes for all purposes, including schools, is \$472.25. This tax does not only send the one boy to school but all the children. Assuming that it is all charged to the one high school graduate that goes from the family. He then enters the field of activity. At 50 years of age, he stands beside the uneducated man of the same age and capacity, but without education, who is only earning for himself two-thirds as much as the high-school graduate.

The average is really much less than two-thirds. The high-school man would get \$3.00 per day and the unlettered man \$2.00 for the 30 years from 20 to 50 years old. The high-school graduate earns \$9,000 more than the unlettered man. Yet it would not be fair to say he is \$9,000 ahead, because he knows the value of taxation and pays to educate others just as his father did. Hence he pays the same average as his father, \$42.75 per year for 30 years, a total of \$1,282.50. This amount added to the \$470.25 his own education cost his father makes a total burden of \$1,752.75, which enabled the high-school graduate to earn \$9,000 more than the man whose father refused to be taxed for the education of his son, and whose son refused to be taxed to educate others, leaving a net dividend of \$7,247.25 in favor of the man who was taxed.

The people who refuse to tax themselves for public education are raising the black flag of destruction to every element of civilization. Ignorance is the black hand that produces sin and misery.

The thing North Carolina needs today more than any other one thing is more school tax. Working school children to death to raise too much cotton, tobacco, and potatoes is one of the worst forms of economic slavery, if not human slavery. When the South takes her children out of the fields and puts them in the schools, where they belong, the song "overproduction" will cease and farm products will sell for fair prices.

"Eight months for every child" should be the slogan.

gan. The experiment has proved that if it costs more it is worth it.

The only way to run a Republic is to educate all the people. The only nation able to pay taxes is an educated nation. We have to admit that it takes a generous heart to pay taxes and not flinch, but we must all admit that all of our many great advantages and fine institutions that we so greatly appreciate come from taxation.

Work of Special Committee Was Well Worth While

The people are the government. Officers are only agents of the people to perform work for the common good. The closer the people and their servants stay together, the better service the people get. It is quite appropriate that every citizen, either individually or collectively, keep in close touch with every phase of the public affairs, not merely for the purpose of cutting expense, but to go far enough to find the actual needs of the institutions of the county.

The work done by several of the citizens of the county last week through a committee composed of Messrs. R. W. Salsbury, D. R. Everett, Eason Lilley, J. G. Staton, and C. C. Fleming was well worth while, even though many of the things suggested may be wrong. It becomes a basis for deeper thinking and better service from the various officials who are entrusted with the affairs of the county.

With the many intricate details which come up for consideration in public affairs, no two men can be found who will fully agree on all points, and since public officials are human, they are subject to error. It has always proven wise, and very much safer, for both master and servant, to have frequent accountings. That has been one of the chief weaknesses of our governmental system. Department stores live and succeed because a complete stewardship is required daily. If it was not done any oftener than official statements are made, there would be no business at the end of the year.

The committee, whether right or wrong, in its recommendations, evidently got a fair grasp of the county affairs for the short time engaged at its task. A standing unpaid advisory committee of representative citizens would be a great aid in helping to work out the best way to handle our public affairs.

The Committee's Recommendations

The committee appointed by a group of taxpayers in its recommendations to the board of commissioners of Martin County dealt with many questions which can only be passed on by long study. Some of the reforms are evidently needed. The idea of renting the county farm and buying potatoes for the inmates of the county is, of course, absurd. The fact that the county is keeping house with a good farm and has neither hen, cow, nor sow is in no way commendable.

Of course, if the county can buy coal and wood cheaper than it is now doing, that change should be made.

The recommendation to withdraw the \$300 now paid to the colored farm demonstrator should be questioned. Why withdraw the little favor now given the negro farmer? Is he not in as much need of help as any citizen we have. Certainly, if the white demonstrator could serve all the farmers, both white and colored, then one would be sufficient, but that is impossible, and both together can not do half what is needed in their respective lines. The State is trying to help farmers, both white and negro. The board of county commissioners should recognize the need of the negro farmer of the county and spend \$300 to help them better their condition.

The question of the saving in salaries is one of individual opinion, and no general reduction is effected. Whether they are now too high or too low rests with officials who have the opportunity to observe the things done, the type of work, and the responsibility involved.

The recorder's court in Martin County has, in the past, served a fine purpose. It has dealt with crime and civil procedure. It has not been a costly branch of government and has, in most cases, commended itself for dealing with crime. If it can succeed in maintaining its dignity and performing its duty in the face of organized vice and crime, there is no reason why it should not function every week, just as it has done in the past years. The saving of \$690, as recommended by the committee, would doubtless be lost many times in increased crime and vice. It is the cheapest court we have, and in many respects more to be depended upon than the superior courts, because it comes down nearer to the people.

The committee, from all indications, did a wise thing in recommending an investigation of court stenographic charges. Courts too frequently force counties to pay exorbitant bills to "favorite stenographers."

The recommendations as to superior court costs are apparently well founded. Yet we are not qualified to offer any argument on the subject.

So far as the employment of an all-time auditor for the county, we are unable to give an opinion. Doubtless it would be an increased cost, yet it should increase the efficiency of the taxing system, and would in that way be a revenue producer.

The committee did well in its recommendation to get the State to assume the outstanding bonds against this county issued to build the Roanoke River bridge, one-half of the Washington road, and all of the road to the Halifax County line, amounting to about \$550,000. This would amount to a saving of \$30,000 a year in interest and \$10,000 a year sinking fund, which would equal 10 times as much as all the other reforms recommended.

And the basis of the recommendation has every phase of fairness. Martin county should not be called upon to build a bridge across the Roanoke unless Alamance is going to build the bridges across Haw River.

Things To Think About
By JAMES D. TAYLOR

Preaching Christ

During his sermon on a recent Sunday Dr. John Roach Straton, from his pulpit in Calvary Baptist Church, in New York, criticized a presidential nominee. A challenge to debate has been accepted by Dr. Straton.

It seems to me a minister could use his time to better advantage. It is far more important to tell a congregation about Christ. I can not picture my Master in a House of God talking about a presidential nominee. But I can picture Him tell about the goodness of God.

We like to think about and look upon a minister as a messenger of God. Not speaking for or against some man running for office. If Dr. Straton has more time than his own church needs, he could spend his time well in the slums of New York talking about his Master.

Let the ministers vote as they like. That is their personal affair. But when they step into the pulpit they should preach Christ crucified. Not wasting precious moments on petty politics, but bringing to us a picture of Him whose feet and hands were nailed to the Cross of Calvary and explaining to us the purpose of His death. This is the calling of the minister. Such a high calling!

Nor should Martin County be required to give one-half of the cost of the Washington Road unless Beaufort is going to build a half also.

The recommendation of the committee, that the State should run the schools instead of the counties seems wise. There is no good reason why such a discriminatory system as we now have should exist. The State should be made the unit and all people fare alike.

BETTER RURAL LIFE IS URGED

Resolution Is Passed By Farmers of State in Convention

Matters imperative to the continued success of farming in North Carolina were passed upon at the business meeting of the 26th annual State farmers' convention and the first Farm and Home Week recently held at State College.

The convention elected M. L. Adderholdt, of Lexington, as president for the next year. J. T. Albritton, of Calypso, Duplin County, was elected first vice president; C. A. Ballentine, of Varina, Wake County, was elected second vice president; and James M. Gray, of Raleigh, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. For the State federation of home demonstration clubs, Mrs. W. T. Whitsett, of Whitsett, in Guilford County, was elected president; Mrs. W. C. Pou, of Statesville, first vice president; Mrs. Miles Marsh, of Asheville, second vice president; Mrs. Henry Middleben, of Warsaw, recording secretary; and Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, of Raleigh, was elected secretary and treasurer.

J. J. Hackney, of Bynum, in Chatham County, won the wood-sawing outfit offered as a prize in the tree-naming contest, and W. A. Connell, jr., of Warren Plains, Warren County, won first prize in the crop identification contest.

The resolutions adopted called for more attention to livestock farming, especially in view of competition in cotton and tobacco growing from other sections of the South. More effective organization of farmers was also favored, and a special committee consisting of Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Charles F. Cates, F. D. Patterson, and A. M. Johnson was appointed to appoint county committees to begin the organization work. Adjustment of taxes on farm lands and farm forests was requested; better school facilities as a State-wide duty was asked for rural sections and the 8-month term was endorsed. More attention to health support of cooperative organizations, support of the State Fair, and more attention to political leadership by farmers were some of the other important matters upon which resolutions were passed.

Boll Weevil Infestation In State Very Spotted

Boll weevil infestation in North Carolina is very spotted, with the insect doing heavy damage in some fields and little in others. Many farmers are dusting this year for the first time.

To Hold Negro Farmers' Congress in Greensboro

The State Negro Farmers' Congress was held at the A. & T. College at Greensboro August 2 and 3.

Short Course for Negro Club Members to be Held

A short course for Negro Four-H club members in North Carolina will be held by the State College extension service at the A. & T. College for Negroes at Greensboro during the four days of August 13 to 18.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County, in superior court.
D. G. Matthews vs. W. H. Hatch, et al.
The defendants will take notice that an action as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County for the purpose of foreclosing a tax certificate of sale covering 19 acres of woods land in Robertsonville Township, adjoining the lands of W. A. and J. G. Everett, and which was listed in the name of W. H. Hatch and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of superior court in Martin County, in his office in Williamston within 30 days after service of summons and answer the complaint of plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in the complaint.

Notice is hereby given to all other persons claiming any interest in the subject matter in this action to appear and defend their claim. And all persons in any way claiming any interest in said matter in any manner are required to appear within the time above set out and set up their claim in said action upon pain of being forever barred and foreclosed of the same. This the 13th day of August, 1928.
R. J. PEEL,
a14 4tw Clerk Superior Court.

WANTS

I AM NOW LOCATED AT THE Singer Sewing Shop, 115 East Main Street, and am prepared to do dressmaking, altering, hemstitching, and piecing. All work guaranteed. Mrs. W. H. Ward. a14 8tpd

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County: in superior court.
U. S. Hassell vs. Alfred Walker
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, September 17, 1928, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the interest which the said Alfred Walker has in the following real estate, to wit:

One lot situated in the Town of Jamestown, N. C., and bounded on the north by Washington Street, on the east by lots of H. G. Griffin, J. S. Godard, and J. W. Ward, on the south by W. H. Hopkins land, and on the west by I. T. Coltrain, same being one fourth acre, front, and one acre deep. This the 10th day of August, 1928.
A. L. ROEBUCK,
a14 4tw Sheriff Martin County.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County: in the superior court.
Dr. U. S. Hassell vs. Ben Bazemore
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, September 17, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Ben Bazemore, the defendant, has in the following real estate, to wit:
First tract: Beginning at J. D. Harrison's corner; thence a westerly course to an oak, a corner near the Griffin road; thence an easterly course along Griffin road to James Gardner's corner, a pine; thence a southeasterly course along Gardner's line to J. D. Harrison's corner; thence with said Harrison's line a southerly course to the beginning. Containing fifty-one acres.
Second tract: Beginning in Mulberry Branch, an ash, W. P. Powell's corner, to the mouth of Grape Vine Ditch, thence along Grape Vine Ditch to the fence; thence easterly along said ditch to W. P. Powell's avenue; thence a long said avenue to the old Chapel road; thence up said road to a black gum, L. C. Harrison's corner; thence along a line of marked trees to an ash in the run of Mulberry Branch, L. C. Harrison's corner; thence up the run of said branch to the beginning. Containing 25 acres, more or less.
This the 8th day of August, 1928.
A. L. ROEBUCK,
a14 4tw Sheriff Martin County.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Jasper Harrell, et al.," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 12th day of September, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following tract of land:
Beginning at a stake at the corner of A. D. Peterson's and the Combs place; thence along the line of the Combs land, 760 yards to the corner

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of Freddie Harrell estate; thence along the line of Freddie Harrell land an easterly course 760 yards to a stake; thence in a southeasterly course 760 yards to the Steven Brown land now owned by Colin Green; thence a southwest course 760 yards to the corner of A. D. Peterson and the Combs place, the beginning. Containing 37 1/2 acres, more or less.
This the 10th day of August, 1928.
B. A. CRITCHER,
a14 4tw Commissioner.

APPLICATION FOR PAROLE OF J. M. PUGH

Application will be made to the commissioner of pardons and the governor of North Carolina for the parole of J. M. Pugh, convicted at the September term of the superior court of Martin County for the crime of murder and sentenced to penitentiary for a term of seven (7) years.
All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the commissioner of pardons without delay.
This the 28th day of July, 1928.
J. M. PUGH,
By B. A. Critcher, attorney. a14-21

WORRIED A LOT

Run-Down, Nervous, Appetite Gone, Lady Shows Great Improvement After Using Cardui.

Waterloo, S. C.—"I took Cardui at intervals for three years, and have been in good health since last fall," says Mrs. Noble J. Hayes, who lives near here. "My improvement after taking a course of this medicine was really remarkable. I am much stronger and can accomplish so much more work now. My weight increased twenty pounds, and my color is fresh and good. For a long time I had been feeling poorly. Some days I dragged around the house and had not enough energy to do my housework. I worried a lot about myself. I did not seem like myself, and my nerves were all on edge. I did not sleep well, and my appetite left me. I found Cardui to be an excellent tonic. After I had taken it a few weeks, I began to pick up and to gain in weight and strength. Now I am in fine health. I have recommended Cardui to many of my friends, and shall continue to do so."
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