

Land Tax or Luxury Tax?

Will it be better for the country if the property, that is, our homes, farms, merchandise and personal effects, has to continue to pay the taxes as it has in the past or shift some of the burden to the non-essentials? South Carolina landowners paid \$1.20 taxes before that State taxed luxuries. The landowners now pay 50 cents per hundred dollars, a substantial sav-

When South Carolina passed a luxury tax law in 1923, the merchants of that State were up in arms against it. They declared that South Carolina would lose all her trade, that the merchants would go to the dogs Now that they have given the system a trial, they talk differently. The merchants realize that they were entirely wrong then, and see now that the sales tax on luxuries is one of most popular methods of raising revenue in the State.

South Carolina taxes the following commodities: tobacco products, candy, ammunition, theatre tickets, bottled drinks, playing cards. They also have a documentary tax

Compare the articles in the list with your homes and then figure which of the two is better for us to lose. The question is both a reasonable and fair one, and one that we might as well face honestly. We can't carry on our legitimate business and at the same time support an over-abundance of luxuries much longer. Now the question is, will we tax the bread we eat or the tobacco we smoke? Will our legislators vote taxes to hold down our legitimate business or will the luxury users be allowed a continued exemption?

Time To Stop Boasting

Whose fault is it that we have millions of people going down the roads and about the streets hungry, crying and begging for bread, when we have large surpluses of wheat, corn, peanuts, potatoes and other food stuffs right here in the States?

Doubtless, many will maintain that Germany is responsible, others that the Republicans had all to do with bad conditions and still#others will blame the Democrats for the chaos now prevailing in the economic world. We readily find somebody to charge with the troubles that we might excuse ourselves. It is a natural inheritance to place the cause for our troubles on others, and we might be justified in so doing to a certain extent. But the strangest thing about the whole situation is that with all of our boasted enlightenment and civilization, we haven't as much sense about living as our forefathers possessed. In their day when crops failed and there was great scarcity in the land, they outlived us and did it without fast transportation facilities. They did not look for the free soup kitchen; they forged ever onward and made their own soup. Our fathers cleared the lands-with their own hands, built their homes with their own hands. In rearing their families, they outclassed us so far that we need to be ashamed of ourselves. They were the fellows who built the nation. It is only fair for us, members of the present generation, to frankly and truthfully admit that we have mortgaged the farms our fathers cleared and that we are now facing semi-starvation. We know not who is going to feed us next week.

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It is high time we Americans stopped bragging, and humble ourselves, use more horse sense and do more real work.

Railroad and Oil Folks Clash

There is now a big clash between the railroads and the oil folks. The railroads have been directing, a campaign for months in an effort to create sympathy. The people have been taught that the carriers are paying all the tax while oil vehicles are getting all the business and paying little tax. Recently the Petroleum Institute said that the motor vehicles pay more than three times as much tax as all the railroads pay. The institute gives the following figures:

Railroads paid in taxes in 1930, \$356,000,000 Vehicles paid in taxes in 1930, \$1,010,000,000.

It is easy to understand why the railroads are un easy about their own welfare because they see their future existence imperiled by the motor. The railroads complain that the bus is using the property of the states in competition with them. However, if we come down to the truth of the matter, the only difference in the railroad and the highway is that the people built the railroads and the corporations own them, while the motor built the highways and the states own them. So far our own State highways have not cost the property owners one cent for either construction or operation with one or two exceptions. With the Rockfellers pulling for the motor and the Morgans pulling for the rails it is reasonable to believe that the fight is not not near over.

Democracy In Congress

Congress may have accomplished but very little during the short session closing tomorrow; yet, the slant we got on our national legislators during the period raises our respect and increases our confidence in them

For many years, law-makers have found it easy to forget their constituents when enacting laws. And it was no hard task for them to explain their actions to the satisfaction of the folks back home. Now conditions are different. When the hungry appear before them and make complaint, the law-makers can't point their finger at them and say presto; thou aren't hungry. Their cries are with them in their sleep. Our folly is now realized, and even national legislators see that unless we get back to that point where men have a more equal chance in life our nation will die from the poison of its own corruption.

It can be truthfully said that there have been more signs of honest Democracy in Congress during the past few months than there has been at any other time in years:

Make Public Expenditures Public

The State, every county and town therein should publish a monthly statement of every public dollar spent, to whom it was paid and for what purpose. It would cost something, but it is believed that more than a hundred times the cost would be saved. A public presentation of all public expenditures should be required by law.

Wherein The Big Interests Failed

The Big Interests have partially failed in their attempt to play the friends of the schools against the friends of the roads. There is no doubt about their attempting to scatter the forces pledged to lower property taxes, for at one time it looked as if they had succeeded in getting the road people dissatisfied with the action of the school folks. It was purely a quarreling cat game in which the foxy fellows hoped to get in and eat the cheese.

It now looks as if honor will outlast money in this

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The undersigned reserves the right reject bids that are insufficient and it does not meet with the approval

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM

highest bidder the following land to-

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"That certain tract or parcel of land known as the old Everett Mill Seat, bounded by the lands of the late A. L. Roebuck and the lands of S. T. Everett and others, containing one acce mere or lass" MARTIN COUNTY:

Having qualified as Administrator, of the estate of S. H. Clark, de-ceased, late of the County of Martin to notify all persons holding claims and State of North Carolina, this is act e more or less." And at said time and place the un-dersigned administrator will also sell four (4) shares of the Capital Stock of The Roanoke Dixie Warehouse, Wil-hiamston, North Carolina, belonging to said estate. The line of the undersigned on or before the 2, of the undersigned on or before the 2, will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said es-tate of said decedent will please make

tate of said deceacin immediate settlement. This 2nd day of February, 1931. C. B. CLARK, Administrator. The heirs at law of said James H. Wynn, deceased, will all join in the execution of a deed to the highest bid-

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that I have his day qualified as administrator of the estate of John M. Bowen, late of Williamston, Martin County.

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Elbert S. Peel, Attorney.

of all the heirs at law. — This the 12th day of February 1931. D. D. STALLS, All persons holding claims against said estate will present same to the undersigned for payment on or before the 16th day of February 1932 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the re-PROPERTY Under and by virtue of the authority covery of the same. All persons indebted to said estate

conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by H. R. Mizelle and wife, executed by H. R. Mizelle and wife, Sarah J. Mizelle on the 1st day of September 1923 and recorded in Book will please come forward and make immediate payment of same. This 16th day of February 1931. H. A. BOWEN.

O-2. Page 607, we will on Saturday	This 16th day of February 1931.
14th day of March 1931 12 o'clock	H. A. BOWEN,
noon at the Courthouse door in Mar- tin County, Williamston, N. C., sell	Administrator.
at public auction for cash to the	SALE OF VALUABLE FARM

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY Under and by virtue of the authori-

wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Poplar Point Township, Martin County, North Car-olina, ⁴containing 278 acres, more or less, bounded on the N. by the lands of J. H. Hollis, on the E. by the lands of J. W. Griffin, R. G. Griffin, the Glisson land, and the Harry Land, on the S. by the Leggett's Branch and on the W. by the lands of J. T. Barnhilt and being lot No I in the division of particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the corner of the Harry Land and the land herein des-cribed in Leggett's Branch thence N, 1-2 E. 75 poles, thence N, 21-34 E. 13.2 poles, thence N, 12-34 E. 25 poles, thence N, 794 poles, thence S, 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence W. 704 poles, thence S, 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence W. 704 poles, thence S, 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence W. 704 poles, thence S, 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence W. 704 poles, thence S, 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence M, 81-45 W. 704 poles, thence S, 28 W, 247.6 poles, thence S, 73 W. 5012 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence M, 81-45 W. 704 poles, thence S, 73 W. 5012 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence M, 81-45 W. 704 poles, thence S, 28 W, 247.6 poles, thence S, 73 W. 5012 poles, thence S, 11-2 W, 32.500es, thence M, 81-45 thence S, 11-2 W, 3 All that certain tract or parcel of

W. 70.4 poles, thence S. 28 W. 247.6 poles, thence S. 73 W. 61.2 poles, thence S. 7-1-2 W. 32.5poles, thence S. 7 W. 37.26 poles, thence S. 1-1-2 W. 92 poles to Leggett's Branch thence W 16 poles N 65 1-2 W 70 poles N 72 This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and your Hollis, thence on Northerly with the center of the said public road the beginning 7 acres. This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and you Hollis, thence Southwesterly a straight line to straight line about 100 yards to clars and J. Mizelle to pay off and dis-thence we have the to the public road the said public road the seguring 7 acres. This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and be Hollis, thence Southwesterly a straight line to clars and J. Mizelle to pay off and dis-thence on Northerly with the center of the said public road the beginning 7 acres. This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and be the public road thence on Northerly with the center of the said public road the beginning 7 acres. This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and be the public road thence on Northerly with the center of the said public road the beginning 7 acres. This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and wife, Sarah J. Mizelle to pay off and dis-charge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust. A deposit of 10 per cent will be re-quired from the purchaser at the sale. This the 7th day of february 1931. FIRST NATIONAL COMPANY OF DURHAM, INC, TRUSTEE, with, and at the request of the owner

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described real estate, to-wit: Beginning at the corner of the King heirs lot on Main Street in the town of Hamilton, North Carolina; thence along the King heirs-line to the line of the lot belonging to the Colored Lodge to lot belonging to the Colored Lodge to a street; thence along the line of the street to the beginning; the same be-there the tract of land in the town of Contest, laying 302 weighing per dozto another street; thence along said ing the tract of land in the town of Hamilton owned by the heirs at law of the late J. B. Williams. This the 13th day of Feb., 1931. F. L. GLADSTONE, 217.4

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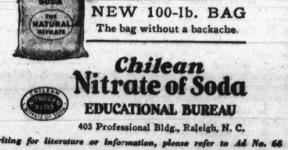
THE ENTERPRISE

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Roads Are Essential

Roads are essential to successful farming. The city lives from the roads because it is only a center of exchange. Then why not let the State care for the little road as well as the big one?

It is, of course, just and proper to build roads suitable to the needs of traffic, but every community should have its outlet to the lines of through traffic. Let the State build them.



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