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Beating the Tax Collector to the Draw

Taxes, as high as they may be in town, county, state and nation, are not within themselves threatening the progressive advancement of the municipality, county, state and nation, as much as the attitude that is being built up against the general principles of taxation and the administration of the tax laws. There has been much waste in governmental expenditures, but, after all, we have more to show for our tax dollar than any other dollar we ever spent, with a few exceptions, possibly.

When it comes to meeting the tax requirements, the general public has grasped the idea that it is smart and a few think it is really honorable to beat the tax collector or tax authority to the draw. This attitude alone can defeat the basic principles of democracy and thwart the progress of any town, county, state or nation. The tax-dodging racket is comparable to what Hitler is doing in Europe. We will rob our neighbor by making him pay a greater share of taxes while Hitler is robbing the foreigners.

Much of the trouble with the basic tax structure in this State is chargeable to the taxing authorities. A few years ago, North Carolina added another tax and called it intangibles tax. The tax dodger dodged a little more, and reports state that mortgages, notes and other collateral are being registered in the public records so as to permit the holder to escape paying his share of the tax. There is the man with the safety deposit box who laughs in the face of the taxing authorities, while those taxing authorities apparently take the rebuke and like it. Let a hard-pressed merchant fail to pay over to the State a few dollars in sales tax and he is hopped upon as a dog hops on a bone.

Why is it that some of the numerous employees—well-paid employees—in the State service cannot dig into the facts and tap some of those tax sources that are bubbling over with available tax dollars? Apparently the class that owns the safety deposit boxes, the mortgages and notes are not to be bothered while a democratic state hops on the little fellows and strikes at poverty-stricken businesses and people to foot the bill.

No wonder there is so much talk about taxes when there aren't enough red-blooded legislators in the General Assembly with guts enough

to get the tax money where the money is. The public has voted time and again to tax itself, but the people have never voted and has never sanctioned the inequality existing in the administration of the tax laws. These inequalities lead to dissention that will eventually cause a break down in the economic system of any government, regardless of size.

What Will Congress Do With It?

Elkin Tribune.

Congress now has a government reorganization plan worked out by Representative Lindsay Warren, of North Carolina. What Congress will do with it is another matter. It is not as far reaching as President Roosevelt's ill-fated program which Congress knifed because through it the members were knifing the President.

The Warren draft has eliminated many of the objectionable features; retains the powers which Congress so jealously holds as its own, yet provides for the elimination of overlapping agencies of government that tend to confuse as well as add unnecessary expense to executive administration.

That government needs reorganization is apparent to everyone. As at present constituted, it is cumbersome and inefficient. But even cumbersome and inefficiency would not be so bad, if these were not accompanied by political considerations that make administration of public affairs a monstrosity that invites corruption.

There will be opposition to the Warren measure, for the simple reason that reorganization, if ably attempted, will mean the loss of patronage for representatives of Congress who have leaned heavily on the distribution of jobs to the faithful as a dependable prop for their continuation in Washington. They will oppose on the ground of the unwisdom of placing too much authority in the hands of the President, always an effective smokescreen. But their main reason will be the perpetuation of a spoils system that has been the boon of the politicians almost since the beginning of our government.

Congressman Warren is proposing what any good business executive would demand first-off for his business; that it be run on a business-like basis that would encourage efficiency and reward it accordingly. If the Republicans in Congress really want to serve their nation, they will not oppose this measure simply to be opposing, but will weigh it on its merits, and thereby differentiate themselves from some of their Democratic brethren who as usual will think first in terms of political expediency.

This is a measure that should invite no controversy on sane, economic grounds. If it is defeated it will be because the members prefer a system that they can exploit to their own selfish ends. We shall see which way they are headed.

Five, And Tough

Dave Sink, Lexington Dispatch.

He was a nice looking little fellow of five, sitting on the steps leading to The Dispatch office and cheerfully smoking the last inch of a cigarette. "Yours?" I asked a somewhat youngish woman standing nearby. "Yeah, he's my fourth," she sighed, "and he wouldn't be smoking those old cigarette butts if his Daddy was around." The youngster looked around the corner of the building, saw nothing of Daddy and calmly pulled another cigarette end from his pocket, lighting it from the first. "Ah," I thought, "he must be one of these chain-smokers." Aren't you on the young side to be smoking? I asked the lad curiously. "Hellaw," he answered, so I trotted right on about my business.

American Legion To Hold Meeting

The John W. Hassell unit of the American Legion Auxiliary is planning the first area conference ever held in the area by the Auxiliary. The meeting is to be held in Williamston on April 13th and the Martin County ladies are leaving no stone unturned to see that everything is in readiness to give every one a hearty welcome and a good time while in Williamston. Committees have been appointed to work out details and are hard at work getting everything in shape.

Mrs. H. L. Swain, first area chairman, is at work on her program. She announces that Mrs. Herbert Taylor, of Dunn, the state president, and Miss Arelia Adams, the secretary and treasurer of the state department, are both to be present and take part in the meeting. In addition to these, there will be other outstanding members of the auxiliary and legion on the program. They will be announced later.

The first area is composed of four districts and eighteen units and extends from Manteo on the East to Rocky Mount on the West; the Virginia line on the North to Craven and Pamlico counties on the South.

The four district committeewomen are Mrs. R. E. Leary, of Edenton; Mrs. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth; Mrs. R. J. White, of Conway, and Mrs. Norman Y. Chambliss, of Rocky Mount. Letters have been sent to these committeewomen asking them to contact all their units and have them advise Mrs. Swain who will attend.

Mrs. J. R. Winslow, president of the John W. Hassell unit, desires that all the units of the area advise the area chairman at least ten days before the time of the meeting how many will attend so arrangements can be made for the luncheon which will be held in the legion hall.

Two sessions will be held. The first will be in church and begin at ten a. m. and the second will be at the legion hall where luncheon will be served. Both will be full of interest and beneficial to all who attend.

CITATION

North Carolina, Martin County. Superior Court.

In the Matter of the Will of Gus Coffield.

To William Cherry and all other persons interested in the estate of Gus Coffield, deceased, are hereby notified that Annie Purvis Et Als, having entered a caveat to the probate of the paper writing purporting to be the will of the late Gus Coffield, and having filed the bond required by law, and the case having been transferred to the Superior Court for trial at April term, you will appear and make yourselves proper parties to the said proceedings if you choose.

This 14th day of March, 1939. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

BOND ORDER—BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR CROSS ROADS TOWNSHIP.

Be it ordered by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Martin, State of North Carolina:

1. That bonds of Cross Roads Township shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of refunding the following described valid outstanding bonds of said Cross Roads Township, to-wit:

\$50,000.00, 6 per cent Cross Roads Township bonds, dated April 1st, 1921, due and payable \$5,000.00 thereof on the 1st day of April in each of the years, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946.

2. A statement of the debt of Cross Roads Township, Martin County, North Carolina, has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, of Martin County and is open to public inspection.

3. This order shall take effect upon its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters.

The foregoing bond order was passed on the 6th day of March, 1939 and was first published on the 17th day of March, 1939.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said order must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

J. SAM GETSINGER, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Martin County.



- OUR PRICE
- Palmolive 3 for 20c
 - Small Super Suds (Red Box) 3 for 25c
 - Larger Super Suds (Red Box) 2 for 35c
 - Small Super Suds (Blue Box) 3 for 25c
 - Large Super Suds (Blue Box) 2 for 45c
 - (Gets clothes "hospital clean")
 - Octagon Soap (giant) 6 for 25c
 - Octagon Soap (small) 10 for 23c
 - Octagon Powder (Large) 6 for 25c
 - Octagon Powder (small) 10 for 23c
 - Octagon Toilet 6 for 25c
 - Octagon Cleanser 2 for 9c
 - Octagon Chips 2 for 18c
 - Octagon Granulated 2 for 18c
 - Crystal White Soap 3 for 14c
 - Hollywood Beauty Soap 3 for 14c
 - Creme Oil Soap 3 for 14c
 - Universal Hardw'r Soap 3 for 14c

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Attractive new gloves in kids, fabrics, and kid and silk combinations, in black, navy, white and fuschia. Complete your Easter outfit with these lovely gloves.

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I TAUGHT MY HUSBAND SOMETHING...

MARGE, I GUESS WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY MONEY ON OUR CROPS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

THAT'S BAD, JOE. THERE GOES JOHNNIE'S SCHOOLING AND THAT RADIO WE WANTED.

I'M STUMPED. I FARM AS GOOD AS NEIGHBOR THOMPSON— BUT HE JUST SEEMS TO BE LUCKIER.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S JUST LUCK, JOE? MRS. THOMPSON SAYS THEY'VE BEEN USING S-D FERTILIZERS EXCLUSIVELY.

YOU KNOW I HOLD ALL FERTILIZERS ARE ALIKE.

MAYBE SO JOE, BUT THE THOMPSONS ARE SUCCESSFUL. I THINK WE SHOULD TRY S-D GOODS.

LATE NEXT SEASON.

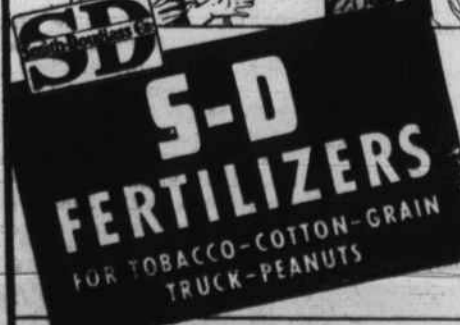
WELL MARGE, OUR CROPS BROUGHT THE HIGHEST PRICES. WE'VE MADE A REAL PROFIT THIS YEAR!

THAT'S WONDERFUL JOE! NOW JOHNNIE CAN START SCHOOL AGAIN AND WE CAN HAVE THAT RADIO.

THOSE S-D FERTILIZERS CERTAINLY ARE BETTER, AREN'T THEY, JOE!

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