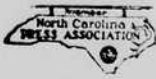


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**THE SPECIAL AUDIT**

At last, taxpayers of Halifax County, you are being awarded the privilege of reading YOUR own special audit which has cost you over \$5,000.

This special audit of the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court from the year 1916 to the year 1931 was finished weeks ago, but the newspapers of the county, the only means by which many of you would have the opportunity to know the facts, were barred from secret sessions and refused the privilege of seeing a copy of the audit, until such time as the powers that be decided to make the thing public, if at all.

Many of you will recall that this paper demanded the audit a few weeks ago but was refused admittance to the secret archives wherein lay hidden this mysterious missive, which, as later events revealed, would lay bare some of the putridness which has been going on in our county seat for, lo, these many years.

This newspaper does not take credit for the fact the audit has been made public at last. In fact, we feel certain that anything The Roanoke Rapids Herald desired would be the last thing certain officials at Halifax would see done. The fact remains that the news is out at last—and what news.

Not that it is not what we expected. The amounts tally fairly well with the rumored shortages which have filtered out despite the valiant attempts to keep the matter as quiet as possible. The tone which strikes most forcefully is that of utter hopelessness as expressed by the auditors in ever finding the real facts and true amounts. In their remarks, the auditors repeat that the miserable records which were kept in the Clerk's office, particularly prior to 1926, made it impossible for them to ever find out what the real shortage was.

That's a fine commentary on those public officials whose duty it was to supervise the collection and expenditure of the county funds.

What happened before 1916, no one can even guess. That was the period of the fee system. Audits were unheard of at Halifax. It took a Roanoke Rapids representative on the county board of Commissioners to bring about the first audit in the county. That has not added any to the prestige of future Roanoke Rapids representatives, so far as the courthouse gang was concerned.

True, there have been some changes at Halifax in the past year, but the only credit goes to the Grim Reaper. The influence of the gang still remains, even though the ranks have been thinned. Cogs are missing but the machine rolls on.

Unreported items which could be traced by the auditors, amounted to over 43 thousand dollars over a 14 year period. Credits were applied which brought the net down to a little over 22 thousand dollars. But here's a type of credit: "Remitted to Treasurer During Audit, \$4,262.35" There's a whole story in that little transaction.

We understand one reason for not carrying the audit back to the many years before 1916 was that it was impossible for the auditors to function due to "the inadequacy of the records." So the entire story will never be known.

It should be sufficient that enough has been discovered missing year after year to arouse the taxpayers and voters of this county to the fact they have had the wool pulled over their eyes long enough. Next year is election year and that is the only time the people of the county will have an opportunity to express approval or disapproval of what has been going on all these years in Ha-

lifax. There will probably be some innocent persons who will suffer with the guilty if ever the people do set their minds to clean house. But we don't know the sheep from the goats. All we know is that a select few have controlled politics in this county for many years. So long, in fact, that a few of them got careless. Too long, in fact, for the common welfare and purse of the taxpayers.

**TEXTILES LOSE LEAD**

Tobacco products took the lead in value of manufactured goods in North Carolina in 1929, going ahead of textiles which had held the supremacy for several years, figures compiled in the 1930 Census and announced by the State Department of Conservation and Development show.

Cigars and cigarettes manufactured in 1929 were valued at \$480,038,850, or more than \$80,000,000 more than the value of the same products in 1927, two years before, which was \$392,050,130. Smoking and chewing tobacco and snuff were not included in these figures, which would carry the total considerably above the half a billion mark. In 1927 all tobacco products were valued at \$413,274,113, at which time the textile products were valued at \$425,437,522, but in 1929 the textile values had reached only \$52,000,000. Values of textile products increased almost 10 per cent from 1927 to 1929, while tobacco products increased approximately 20 per cent in the same two-year period.

Wage earners in cigar and cigarette making numbered 14,081 in 1927 and had decreased to 13,778 in 1928, but wages paid increased from \$11,542,745 in 1927 to \$11,788,472 in 1929. Costs of materials, supplies, fuel and purchased electric current increased from \$117,565,177 in 1927 to \$139,613,094 in 1929. This does not include the approximately \$250,000,000 paid for tobacco stamps, but this cost is computed in counting the value of manufactured products, by which it is seen that the raw material and processing of tobacco products constitute more than half the value of the finished product, tax excluded.

**COTTON LAWS FUTILE**

Passing laws to restrict cotton production is unconstitutional and futile, in the opinion of Harvie Jordan, general secretary of the American Cotton Association. He says:

"The agricultural classes of no nation have ever been benefitted by governmental interference. The past two year's history of the complete collapse of the Farm Board's efforts to overcome and set aside the immutable trade laws of supply and demand are now well known."

Instead of depending on legislation or political panaceas for farm relief, Mr. Jordan urges farmers to voluntarily reduce their acreage of cotton and other crops of which there is now a surplus, and raise more food and feedstuffs next year.

This is sound advice. The farmer who raises his own food and stock feed need never suffer for the necessities of life, even if the prices of so-called "money crops" are low. A good garden, a cow or two, some pigs and chickens, with home-raised feed in abundance, will make any farmer virtually independent of market conditions.

It is encouraging to note that more and more farmers are learning this important lesson. The adoption of a live-at-home plan would be worth more to any farmer than all the laws that might be enacted. Those who depend upon politicians for relief will be disappointed in the future as they have in the past, and the sooner all farmers realize this fact the better off they will be.

**DISCARD BILLBOARDS**

In response to letters sent out by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and other organizations, 141 of the largest national advertisers have agreed that the use of billboards which deface the landscape should be abandoned. The same view has been expressed by 16 of the largest advertising agencies.

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**THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN**

By GENE BYRNES



**Notice of Sale**

Under and by virtue of those certain deeds of trust made by J. E. Dobbins and Ruth H. Dobbins, his wife, to me as trustee, dated the 1st day of May, A. D. 1929, and the 31st day of March, A. D. 1931, respectively, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, North Carolina, in Book No. 401, at Page No. 42, on the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1929, and in Book No. 409, at Page No. 120, on the 2nd day of April, 1931, respectively, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of the notes evidencing the said indebtedness, I will, on Saturday the 14th day of November, A. D. 1931, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon, in front of the Rosemary Theatre, in the City of Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH, subject to that certain deed of trust duly recorded in Book No. 387, at Page No. 227, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, North Carolina, securing to the Carolina Mortgage Company an indebtedness of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED (\$21,400.00) DOLLARS, the following described real property, lying and being situate in Roanoke Rapids Township, Halifax County City of Roanoke Rapids, State of North Carolina, more particularly described and defined as follows:

Those three (3) certain lots or parcels of land situate on the East side of Roanoke Avenue, having a total frontage on said Avenue of 64 feet, 6 inches, and running back the same width between parallel lines at right angles to said Avenue, 140 feet to an alley, and shown and designated as all of Lot No. 1008, Lot No. 1010 and the Northern 14 feet and 6 inches of Lot No. 1012, said lot numbers being shown on the map of the property of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, made by C. F. Gore & Company, engineers of Weldon, North Carolina, December 18th, 1915, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, in Plat Book No. 1, pages 11, 12, 13, and 14, reference to which said map is hereby made for more certainty of description, the same being the identical lots on which is situated the two story brick building known as the Rosemary Theatre, and adjoining stores, a n d subject, however, to a party wall agreement as contained in the deed from J. E. Dobbins and wife, Ruth H. Dobbins, to John C. Smith, duly recorded in Book 370, page 481, of the Halifax County Registry, and conveying all

right, title and interest in the reservation contained in said deed, wherein the right to the use of a stairway on the South side of the above described lots is reserved to the grantors herein, their heirs, and assigns.

This, the 9th day of October, 1931.  
A. L. CLARK,  
Trustee.

Miss Maria Long accompanied by her mother, Mrs. T. W. M. Long, spent the week-end in Annapolis, Md.



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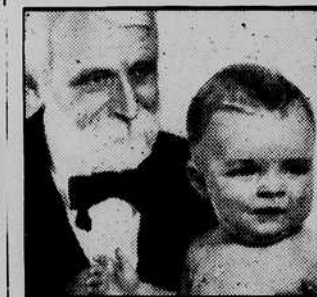
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