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Statement by Governor on Revaluation and New Tax Rate.

To the People of North Carolina: After hearing the reports made by the District Supervisors in charge of the Revaluation Act, and after a full conference with the State Budget Commission, the State Tax Commission, and the State Treasurer, I find that I will be justified in giving to the people of the State the following information:

I propose to submit to the special session of the General Assembly which is expected to meet in July, the following recommendations:

1. That the State take no advantage of that part of the Revaluation Act which authorized a ten per cent increase of revenues for the year 1920, but that the General Assembly fix a rate for 1920 that will yield for all State purposes exactly the same amount of revenue from real and personal property as was collected in the year 1919. There may be one exception to this recommendation and that is that it may be necessary to increase the funds provided by the State for public schools to the extent of five per cent, certainly not more than this. This increase will be only half the amount contemplated by the General Assembly of 1919 for this specific purpose.

PURELY EQUALIZATION ACT.

It will thus be seen, in the light of this recommendation, that the Revaluation Act becomes one of equalization, pure and simple, and with the vast quantities of property now going on the tax books that was not taxed at all heretofore, both of lands and of intangible personal property, it is certain that many thousands of taxpayers will actually pay less taxes in 1920, than they paid in 1919.

2. I will also recommend that there be inserted in the Revaluation Act a clause providing that in any year at any time before the taxes are actually levied by the county authorities, any property owner may ask for a re-assessment of his property upon filing an affidavit supported by two disinterested freeholders that his property is on the tax books at a sum greater than its market value.

3. I will also recommend to the special session of the General Assembly that there be embodied in the Constitutional amendments now pending and to be voted on in November a provision greatly reducing the present constitutional limitation of 66 2/3 cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property. It was the purpose of the Finance Committee of the House and Senate to revise this limitation downwards. It is now apparent that the revised valuations will be large enough to permit a substantial reduction of this limitation, and will leave a reasonable margin for the necessities of our future development. Just what figure will be a proper limitation cannot be determined until the total values under the new assessment are ascertained.

OUTSTANDING FACTS.

Three facts in regard to the revaluation act are now outstanding and no longer the subject of controversy.

1. The one purpose of the act is to wipe out the inequalities of the existing system.
2. Under the Act the tax rate will be so low that no class of property will be outlawed and driven from the state.
3. The extraordinarily low rate under the Revaluation Act will uncover millions of dollars in the State that have never been on the tax books at all, and will draw into the State millions of capital from the ends of the earth.
T. W. BICKETT, Governor.
Executive Office, Raleigh.

The Work of a Noble Mother

Mr. Editor: More than thirty years ago Ferguson Green, a respected citizen residing near Virgil died, leaving a widow and a large family of children to battle their way against adversity, incident to the absence of a husband's and father's love and care.

Aunt Sarah, as she was familiarly called, by her untiring energy, perseverance, and unswerving faith in God, successfully reared her children, and lived to see them established in life, useful citizens of the community. As she approached the sunset of life she had a burning desire to see the youths of her neighborhood embrace the Christian religion and lay the foundation early in life, upon which to build the structure of noble manhood and womanhood.

According to her belief that the Church of Christ was the greatest institution in the world, she freely donated one acre of land upon which she desired the erection of a church, and through her influence, willing hands and earnest hearts were blended together, and ere long, the desire of her heart was gratified. One mile east of Riverside, in Ashe county, Liberty Grove Baptist Church, a building very beautifully designed, stands as a monument to the memory of a Christian mother, as well as a beacon to the unsaved. Liberty Grove Church under the leadership of her worthy pastor, Rev. M. A. Adams, is considered one of the most progressive churches in this section. The church is practically free from wranglings and divisions which are so detrimental to the cause.

History is replete with the noble deeds of great men, but the sublimest poets and most profound scholars have failed to describe the depth of a mother's love and care. We see Aunt Sarah toiling for the upbuilding of a church, through many anxieties, through many self-denials, with prayers and tears, close her life's work, and cross the river to the land beyond. Is her work done? Has her influence ceased? No, in the years to come the Spirit of God will descend upon the church she helped to build, and hundreds of souls will stand up and confess their faith in Christ. Her grandchildren will see in this the flowering of her noble heart, and hear the echo of her footsteps in all the songs over sin forgiven.

There's nothing grander than to exalt the Bible with its law of love; nothing nobler than to magnify Christ with His life of devotion to the welfare of men.

Z. T. WATSON.
Brookside, N. C.

Growth in State Banks

Aggregate resources of all banking institutions under State control are given at \$25,965,675, 836 in a statement made public by R. N. Sims, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of supervisors of State Banks. The increase in resources over the statement compiled in June 1918 was \$3,690,571,692. The excess of State banking institutions over national banks was \$5,166,125,836.

Deposits were \$21,632,822,014, an excess of the total given for national banks by the comptroller of currency June 30, 1919, of \$5,707,957,011.

New York with over \$6,000,000,000 led in volume of deposits, Louisiana with \$219,720,377 led the Southern States, with Texas second with \$208,284,856 and Georgia third with \$171,500,212.

Armenian-Syrian Relief in Watauga

In response to the appeal for food and clothing and a chance to live, the people of Watauga county have been asked to adopt 10 homeless Armenian orphans who are today facing death in a land where hopeless natives know nothing but sorrow. Beginning Saturday, February 1, a campaign of relief is being waged in the county under the direction of R. C. Eggers as chairman of the drive. The campaign will run for three weeks.

It is not a war fund that the people of this country are being asked to raise. It is only an act for humanity's sake. Nearly 300,000 naked, starving boys and girls are weeping and wailing for a chance to live. They are homeless and parentless. They are suffering because their parents were murdered and their comforts of home destroyed—yes, because the Armenians would not discard their Christian faith for that of the cruel and barbarous Turks.

Under the leadership of State Chairman George H. Bellamy, North Carolina will conduct its campaign for the adoption of 3334 orphans in the Near East. \$60.00 will provide for one orphan for one year. Practically every county in the state has been systematically organized for the campaign and indications point to a successful drive in every county. Some have already raised their quotas.

Just to Make Conversation

Monroe Enquirer.

Some one said recently that the current idea of polite conversation seems to be to complain about something. It is a fact that if the complaint was cut out of so-called polite conversation there would be a great deal more of good, golden silence than there is. The servant problem, by those who do not need servants, what a wonderfully wide field of conversation that is. The high cost of everything, by those who have never produced a morsel to eat or a thread to wear in all their lives, that's another golden opportunity to talk and say nothing. And then there is the weather, which God Almighty made according to His own wisdom, infinite in its scope, and not according to the wishes of the little its who put up a whine if a much-needed rain spoils their plans for a joy ride in an automobile—that is a fruitful subject for the whining, fault-finding conversationalist. And the fault-finding conversationalist is found not only in the ranks of "sassiety." You will find in the hotel lobby, at the drug store corner, in the court house corridors, and around the stove in the grocery store, the fellows who have never read a line of the peace treaty, and who know nothing of the plan of the league of nations, except as they have caught it from the big headline of newspapers, cussing out Wilson or condemning Lodge for their attitude toward the peace treaty or the league of nations. It takes very little brain to find fault.

You can do some things next week, but some you cannot. So don't wait, act now! Insure your house before it burns. Insure your health before you get sick. Insure your life before you die for then it is everlastingly too late. I sell the best policies at universal rates
GEC. F. BLAIR,
Blowing Rock, N. C.

The Influenza Germ

Dr. Earl C. Carr, senior grade lieutenant in charge of the main laboratory at the Great Lakes, Illinois, naval training station, announces that he has isolated the influenza germ. "It is the real influenza bacillus discovered by Pfeiffer in England," Dr. Carr said. "I took the sputum from a person near death with influenza, washed it in a salt solution, plated it on blood media, picked out the influenza bacillus colonies and transferred them to a separate media. There can be no doubt about it.

The bacillus is very small—about one fourth the size of the tuberculosis bacillus—it is non-motile and grows in clumps. The presence of this bacillus makes people just as sick as they were last year, and in my opinion the death rate per thousand cases is as high. There are not, however, as many cases as there were last year.

Whether thy work be fine or coarse, planting corn or writing epic, so only it be honest work, done to thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to the senses as well as to the thought, no matter how often you are defeated, you are born to victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—Emerson.

If you wish to fear nothing; consider that everything is to be feared.—Seneca.

TO AVOID THE "FLU"

FIRST OF ALL, MAKE SURE YOUR BLOOD IS RED AND RICH—IN FIGHTING TRIM SAFETY IN VIGOROUS BLOOD

IF YOU'RE LISTLESS AND DEPRESSED DON'T DELAY A MINUTE—GET A GOOD TONIC

If you get the influenza, see a doctor at once—but why get it? Isn't it worth while, instead, to take every precaution now, against getting it?

Probably the best and first thing to do is to make sure you are in good physical condition. During an epidemic, almost wherever you go, you are exposed to influenza. As long as you are really well, the red corpuscles of your blood fight off and defeat disease germs. But when you are tired and run down, when you feel all right except that you haven't much energy or enthusiasm, your blood is run down and you are an easy victim.

Pepto-Mangan has become famous as a builder of rich vigorous blood. It helps you up when you are run down. It helps you avoid illness. Or it helps you recover, if you realized your poor physical condition too late.

Physicians have been recommending Pepto-Mangan for years in cases of anemia (bloodlessness). It is reliable, effective, and has a record of over 25 years success. Take no chances with a run down condition. Get Pepto-Mangan today. It is good health insurance.

Pepto-Mangan is sold in liquid and tablet form. There is no difference in medical value. Take either kind you prefer but be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan—"Gudes" The full name should be on the package. Adv.

FOR SALE—Team mules, wagon and harness, buggy and driving harness; car, Metz roadster Babcock surry, yoke oxen, two cows. J. N. Clawson, Horton, N. C. 3t-p

Republican County Convention Call.

A convention of the Republicans of Watauga county is called to meet in Boone, N. C. on the 21 day of February, 1920 at 10 o'clock p. m. Each township is entitled to one delegate and alternate for every 25 Republican votes cast at the last general election for the Republican candidate for Governor. The chairmen of the various township committees are hereby notified to hold conventions in their townships on Feb. 20, 1920, and elect delegates to the county convention.

The object of this convention is to elect delegates to the State convention to be held in Greensboro, N. C. on the 3rd day of March, 1920, and transact any other business that may come before the convention.

This 1st day of February 1920.
C. M. CRITCHER,
Ch'm. Rep. Executive Com.
for Watauga County.

Entry Notice No. 2545.

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga. Office of Entry taker for said county. T. D. Wards locates and enters 10 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Beech Creek, in Laurel Creek Township. Beginning on a stake in the mouth of Buckeye Creek, and running east with T. D. Ward's line to J. B. Hicks' line to Charlie Hicks' line, then with Charlie Hicks' lines, various courses to the beginning. Entered February 2, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN,
Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2547.

North Carolina, Watauga county. Office of entry taker for said county. E. E. Earp locates and enters 15 acres of land on the waters of Watauga River in Watauga township. Beginning on a white oak tree, L. C. Earp's corner, thence running with said Earp's line to a chestnut oak, his corner, then with his line to Ed Shipley's line, then to Preston Moody's line. Then with Moody's line to the beginning for complement. Entered February 2, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN,
Entry Taker.

A BARGAIN TO CLOSE ESTATE. Good two-story 8 room dwelling with barn and out-buildings, also good store building, about three acres land. Located in village of Friendship 5 miles south of Glade Springs Good store stand. Price, for quick sale \$4500.00. Dwelling could not be built for this money. Write Dr. R. R. Preston, Glade Spring, Va. 4t-c

FOR SALE

at par \$150.00 stock in the Three Forks Co-operative Cheese Co. Inc. offered by persons leaving the community and needing money, also \$100 unsold stock. This stock is issued in \$10 shares and is paying 8 per cent annually Apply to H. Neal Blair, Manager, Boone, N. C. tf

GOOD STOCK FOR SALE.

Heavy pair horses, 8 years old; One good three year old yoke of steers, and one good 3 year old bay horse; gray mare, 5 years old, weighs 950 pounds; good saddle horse, 8 years old, weighs 1060 pounds; One bay mare, 10 years old, weighs 1100. Will sell on time or swap for anything you have that don't suit you. Come and look my stuff over and if I haven't got what you want, I'll get it for you.
R. L. Honeycut.

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NOTICE

The heirs-at-law of Avery Penley, names and residences unknown, will take notice that a proceeding has been instituted by the Elk Creek Lumber Company and others against the heirs at law of Avery Penley dec'd. names unknown, before the Clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county, the purpose there of being for the sale for partition of certain lands in said county described in deed registered in book 4, page 204, in the Register's office of said county. Said defendants will also take notice that the proceeding is returnable, and that unless they appear before said clerk at his office at Boone, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of February 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon that the relief demanded by the petitioners will be granted.

This 30th day of January 1920.
O. L. COFFEY,
Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the superior court, Thomas D. Gragg vs Manda Gragg.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga County as above entitled and that summons has been issued therein and been returned by the officer, not served and that order of publication in said summons has been duly obtained against you requiring you to appear at the clerk's office in Boone, Watauga county, at the court house on the 20th day of February, 1920, when and where you are required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, or the relief therein prayed for will be granted; said action being for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony between yourself and the plaintiff. This the 20th day of January 1920.

O. L. COFFEY,
Clerk of the Superior court for Watauga County.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court, B. V. Williams vs. W. T. Williams.

The defendant in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 13th day of January, 1920, a summons in said action was issued against the defendant by O. L. Coffey, Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga county, North Carolina, the plaintiff bringing an action for divorce, alimony and the custody of children, which summons is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga county, North Carolina, on the 16th day of February, 1920. The defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, at the time and place mentioned for the return of the summons, on February 16, 1920, or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 14th day of January, 1919.

O. L. COFFEY, C. S. C.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Larkin M. Hodges, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of January, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement. This January 17, 1920.

H. C. HODGES,
Administrator of L. M. Hodges, deceased.

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State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

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