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MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR FALLEN HEROES

Lewis Beach and Plato Wilson Were Honored By Morganton People in Touching Services Last Sunday.

Two very appropriate and touching services were held in Morganton Sunday afternoon honoring two Morganton boys who gave their lives in France for the cause of freedom. The one for Lewis Beach was held at the First Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock, the other for Plato Wilson at the Methodist church at 3:30, immediately following the first service. Both services were attended by crowds which taxed the capacities of the churches in which they were held. The Morganton people welcoming the opportunity to pay this mark of respect to two of the town's most popular and highly esteemed young men. It was beautifully appropriate that the services should be held in the churches where each of the young soldiers held his church membership, and where they had attended Sunday school and church services since boyhood.

At the service for young Beach Rev. A. Bower, pastor of the church, spoke feelingly of the influence of such a life as Lewis Beach gave to his country, of its usefulness and promise. He gave a short sketch of his life, and dwelt particularly on the fact that young people might get their inspiration from his example.

Young Beach, who was a practicing pharmacist with a Winston-Salem firm at the time of his enlistment, volunteered for service in February, 1918, entering the marines. After a short period of training at Ft. Belvoir he was sent to France and killed on October 9, no definite information available as to the place or manner of his death. In November his sister, Mrs. John W. Williams, notified that he was missing in action. Recently she received official information from Washington that he had been buried.

Newton Lewis Beach was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Beach. He graduated in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina and served the State board in June, 1915. His surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. J. W. Williams and Mrs. P. A. Beach, of Morganton; Mrs. H. L. Timman, of Hickory, and Mrs. W. G. Gentry, of Statesville. Others attending from out of town were Mr. Hall, Mr. Bailey, Miss Mary Bailey, of Hickory and Statesville; Miss Lila Timman and Mr. Hamp Hallman, of Statesville; Messrs. Eli Taylor and J. B. Taylor, of Connelly Springs.

A beautiful feature of the service was a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Bower, "The Knows." The church had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers and potted plants.

During the next hour largely the crowd gathered in the Methodist church to do honor to Plato Wilson, who died on March 24 in the American base hospital at La Mans, France, tuberculosis contracted in service. A very touching part of this service was a quartet, "Over the River," sung by four young men friends and associates of the young soldier—Messrs. E. M. Webb and Robert Patton. A sketch of his life was read by Rev. M. P. Pickens, pastor of the church, followed by an appropriate talk by Rev. C. E. Gregory, pastor of the Methodist church.

UNITED METHODIST DIVINE SERVICE TO BE HERE NEXT SUNDAY

W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of Missions, Will Preach at the Methodist Church Sunday Morning.

W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, general secretary of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It is expected that the day will be a notable one in local Methodist history, as no doubt the church will be filled to hear the message of the great minister. Not only Morganton people, but particularly Methodists, are invited to hear Dr. Pinson, but Methodist people in the county are urged to attend the service.

Pinson has just returned from Europe, where in company with Bishop James Atkins and Bishop Walter R. G. Smith, he went to war-affected European countries for the purpose of investigating conditions therein and preparing a program for certain up-to-date work which the church expects to do.

The commission was tendered every opportunity and given every opportunity to investigate the actual conditions which exist in the devastated areas. Agents were appointed to conduct work through the ill-fated cities and towns of Belgium, Italy and France, and every opportunity was afforded them to see where and how they could form the church should be formed in these areas.

Pinson recently declared to a newspaper representative that France, Belgium and Italy were eager and anxious to support American churches in their reconstruction work.

A marriage license was issued this week to B. C. Snipes and Sallie Moore. The Fruit of His Folly," a play, will be given at Valdese Saturday night, April 12th, by the students of the Morgan school.

CAPT. L. A. BRISTOL WAS ELECTED MAYOR

Green, Kibler, Duckworth and Millner Chosen Aldermen in Monday's Election.

Although interest was intense Monday's election for mayor and aldermen of Morganton passed off quietly. Capt. L. A. Bristol was chosen mayor with a majority over the combined vote of his opponents, Messrs. W. A. Ross and E. M. Hairfield. In Ward 1 Mr. E. A. Green won over Mr. X. H. Cox, Mr. M. B. Kibler, having no opposition was elected in Ward 2, in Ward 3 Mr. Fons Duckworth was reelected, his opponent being Mr. B. F. Davis, and by one vote in Ward 4 Mr. H. L. Millner was reelected over Mr. George Patton.

The vote cast was as follows:

Mayor.	
Bristol	181
Ross	86
Hairfield	69
Aldermen	
Ward 1.	
Green	67
Cox	49
Ward 2.	
Kibler	77
Ward 3.	
Duckworth	51
Davis	45
Ward 4.	
Millner	26
Patton	25

Mr. F. W. Ross was registrar and Messrs. J. L. Nelson and T. N. Haliburton judges of the election.

The new board, composed of the mayor and aldermen, will take the oath of office.

Real Estate Transfers During Week

Sam Taylor to Clara Walton, 1 lot in Morganton.
J. P. Brittain to J. C. Digh, 2 tracts in Morganton township.
Alexander Dale to F. W. Hossfeld and W. C. Ervin, 1 lot in Morganton.
J. M. Ross to M. A. Buff, 38 acres in Morganton township.
N. T. Keaton to C. L. Gilbert, 1 lot in Morganton.
Dysart Glass to Western Carolina Power Company, 1 heirs share in Lovelady township.
L. A. Bristol, commissioner, to R. V. Loven and Hilda Loven, 242 acres in Jonas Ridge township.
L. A. Bristol, commissioner, to H. C. Loven, 200 acres in Jonas Ridge township.
L. A. Bristol, commissioner, to Ed Loven and others, 211 acres in Jonas Ridge township.

WORK OF THE WAR COUNCIL IN BURKE

Plans and Purposes of Council For This County — Representations at Conference.

The War Work council, representing the Protestant forces in America, were exceedingly active during the war in carrying for an educational, recreational and religious program among the soldiers and sailors both in home camps and overseas, and since the conclusion of war the council has assumed the obligation of co-operating with the churches in every community in helping to fit the returning soldiers and sailors into community life in every way which may be proper, with the realization that the community can be helpful to them and that the soldiers and sailors can render great service to their communities by reason of their training and experiences.

Therefore looking toward the attainment of these ends conferences are being held at various centers of the United States, and in North Carolina at Blue Ridge, attended by ministers and laymen of every Protestant denomination, where discussions are had and plans adopted by which these great purposes will be put into effect in every county and community.

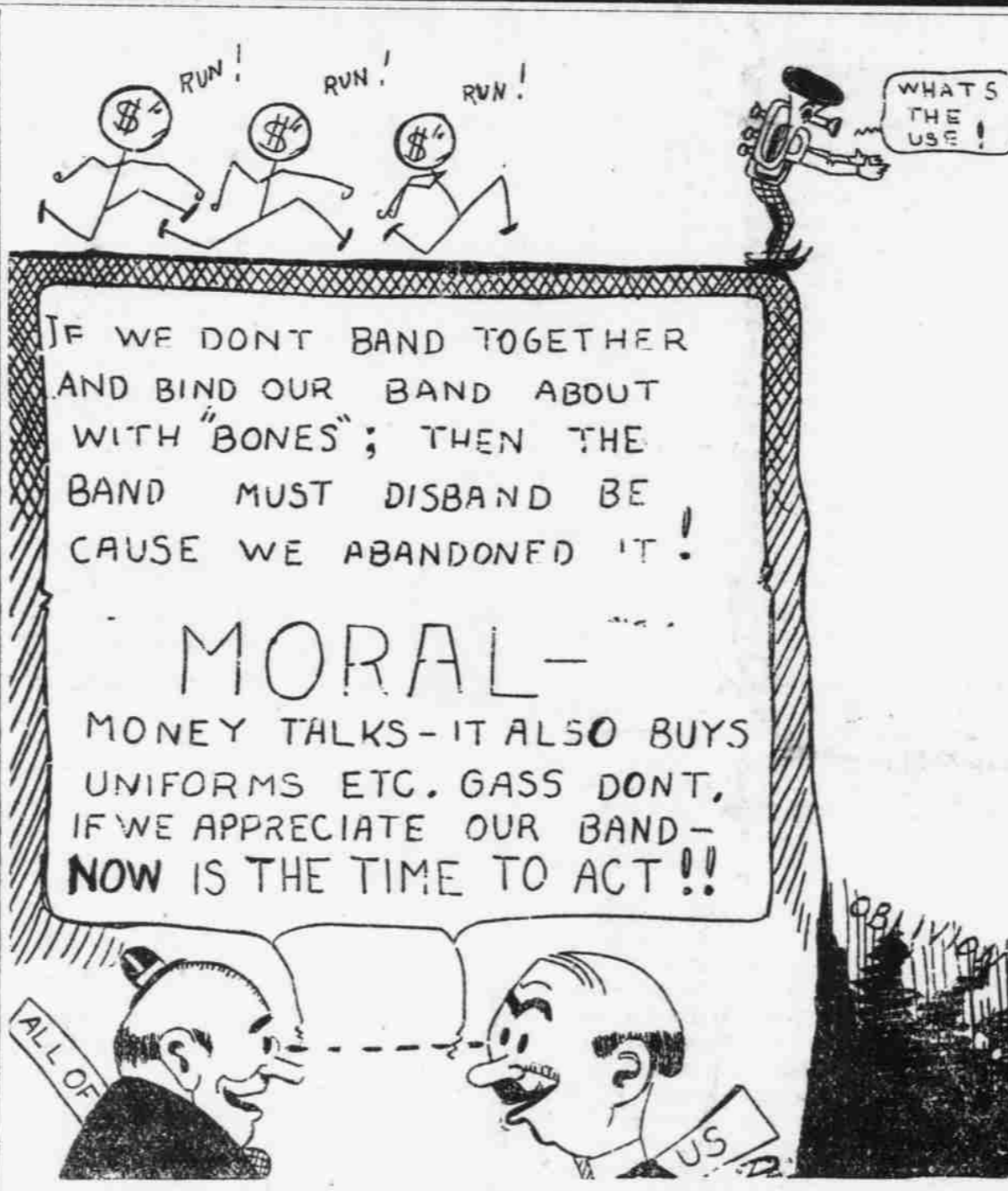
Rev. C. M. Pickens, Messrs. E. M. Hairfield and H. C. Caviness, of Morganton, have just returned from one of these conferences at Blue Ridge, where, working in conjunction with the director of the War council and Y. M. C. A., will adopt a program along the lines mentioned as shall apply to Morganton and Burke county, and with the full cooperation of the churches of both town and county, which should be and is assured for this work is along no one denominational line, and with the aid and sympathy of every returning soldier and sailor, and every citizen, for this service and responsibility attaches equally to every one; the carrying on of this program will result in great good and attainment for the different communities in Burke county.

Within a short time a complete program will be published and plans specifically explained to the end that every citizen may bend every effort toward the consummation of this splendid purpose.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

We are glad to have news from the county, but two letters are left out this week for the reason that the correspondent from Bridgewater Route 1 failed to sign his or her name and the Lower Fork letter came too late. Please get your letters in not later than Tuesday, earlier if possible, and don't fail to let us know who you are.

When your soldier boy comes home let us know. We want to publish the name of every returning soldier.



VARIETY SHOW FOR BAND FRIDAY NIGHT

Home Talent Show Will Be Staged For Benefit of Morganton Concert Band.

The general program of the Home Talent Variety show which is to be given in the auditorium Friday night for the benefit of the Morganton Concert band, will consist largely of late popular song hits rendered by good singers assisted by a large chorus. Also musical selections by some of the town's most talented musicians. We mention in particular the well trained cat which will perform under the direction its trainer, Mr. Walter L. Green. It took Mr. Green over three years to teach this cat anything worth while. After much patience he succeeded in teaching the cat to climb tall ladders; jump through hoops; jump through a hoop from one chair to another seven feet apart, etc. So far as is known this is the only trained cat in the world. The performing cat alone is well worth the price of the show. Mr. Green will also perform his marvelous juggling feats.

There will be a squad drill by local ex-soldiers. Be sure and see what the boys went through at the training camps.

Come out and help the band, and also spend an evening of enjoyment. Tickets will be on sale at Webb's Cafe.

NEWTON WON IN THE DEBATES FRIDAY NIGHT

All Teams Away From Home—Newton Debated Hickory Here Before Large Crowd

The annual triangular debates have always been an interesting part of the life of the schools of the State and the debates of last Friday night made no exception to this rule. Formerly Lenoir, Hickory and Morganton composed this triangle but since the school of Lenoir closed several months ago Newton was assigned to this triangle. A feature of the debates was that all teams spoke away from home. At Morganton two young ladies from Newton—Misses Margaret Garvin and Margaret Feimster upheld the affirmative while Hickory's negative was defended by Miss Clarissa Abernethy and Willie Shell. The speeches were all good but the competition was between Miss Abernethy and Miss Feimster. The affirmative won by a two to one decision, the judges being Mr. J. E. Erwin, Miss Mary Dickson and Mr. E. M. Hairfield. A five-dollar gold piece offered by the Morganton high school students for best speech was won by Miss Feimster. The query was "Compulsory Military Training" and was well discussed. The Newton debaters were accompanied by Rev. Mr. Ewart of Newton and Mr. Feimster, father of the young debater. Prof. J. O. Rogers, of the Hickory high school and Miss Abernethy, accompanied the Hickory team.

At Newton the Hickory affirmative met Morganton's negative. Harold Williams and Edgar Thompson represented Hickory while Morganton was represented by Marion Pickens and Daniel Denton. The debate was held in the school auditorium. In spite of the inclement weather many people of Newton were gathered to hear the contest between their neighbors of Morganton and Hickory, ready to accord to each speaker generous applause. The debate was considered a good one, each speaker showing a well-grounded knowledge of the subject and having a clear-cut argument. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that Hickory's main speeches were especially logical and forceful but Morganton's boys possibly excelled. (Continued on fourth page)

THE BOYS WERE GIVEN WARM WELCOME HOME

Returning Machine Gunners Greeted With Demonstration By the Home Folks.

The boys have been returning home in such a scattered manner that it has been next to impossible to give them a public welcome. Last Thursday when the news that about 40 of Burke's boys of the 115th Machine Gun battalion were coming in on No. 21 several hundred people gathered at the depot to greet them. The Morganton Concert band furnished music and it was a gala occasion. So many of the number left the train at other stations in the county that only 6 or 7 got off in Morganton.

Burke boys of the 115th M. G. Bat. who returned home that day were (as nearly as we were able to get their names):

Hoyle Barrier, Ernest Waters, U. S. Waters, Marion Branch, Owen Berry, Thornwell Abee, George Killiveros, Andy Hoyle, Donald Wycoff, Avery Lowman, Max Swink, Fred Williams, Kelly Bowman, Bryant Boughman, Marshall Cline, Felix Mull, Patrick Smith, Isaiah Carswell, Mark Giles, Clay Ross, Sam Moffitt, Marvin Kincaid, J. D. Winters, Robert Braswell, Ben Epley, Joe Denton and Ancil Clark.

Roy Nance, Tom Shuping and Russell Epley of the 27th Div., came in this week.

Among those of the 119th arriving yesterday afternoon were William Ward, Clifford Walker, James Gordon and Jessie Newton.

Ernest Walker, of the 120th Field Hospital, 30th Div., returned home this week.

THE COUNTY TO SELL BONDS FOR \$80,000.00

This Amount to Be Expended on Bridges, Roads and County Home — Tax Listers.

In pursuance with an act of the recent general assembly the county commissioners at their meeting Monday ordered the advertisement of the sale of \$80,000 worth of county bonds, this amount to be expended on the building of a new county home and roads and bridges in the county.

Attorney John M. Mull was authorized to go to Raleigh in the interest of the State highway through the county.

In addition to regular routine business, the principal matters before the meeting Monday were the appointment of the township tax list takers and of the county tax appraisers. For the latter the new law provides that the county board shall appoint two, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, and the State commission will make an appointment. The commissioners named Mr. J. D. Alexander, Democrat, and Mr. T. N. Haliburton, Republican. The other member has not yet been appointed.

The following tax list takers were appointed: Morganton No. 1, R. Williams; Morganton No. 2, S. P. Brittain; Lovelady, D. W. Lowman; Icard, G. L. Stine; Lower Fork, Bryson Hoyle; Upper Fork, Fred Poteet; Hoyle Creek, L. P. Waters; Linville, J. T. Wise; Upper Creek, Max Rameur; Jonas Ridge, L. G. Reid; Quaker Meadows, T. W. Drury; Lower Creek, William Hood; Smoky Creek, J. B. Smith.

MRS. ALICE WILSON BATTLE DIED SUDDENLY FRIDAY

Former Morganton Resident, a Daughter of Late Major Wilson Died of Heart Disease

While on a little social visit at the home of a neighbor in Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. H. B. Battle (nee Miss Alice Wilson, of Morganton) died suddenly last Friday afternoon about 6 o'clock. She was sitting on the porch of the neighbor's home, chatting with friends, and was seemingly in her usual health, having entertained a little party at her own home the same afternoon, when those with her noticed that she was talking with effort. In a few minutes she was unconscious and within an hour dead. Leakage of the heart was pronounced the cause of her death.

Mrs. Battle was the daughter of the late Major J. W. Wilson, one of Morganton's most prominent citizens, and was the oldest living member of the immediate family. She was married here in the Presbyterian church in 1885 to Dr. H. B. Battle, son of the late Dr. Kemp Battle, of the State University. For years they lived in Raleigh. The husband and two children, James Wilson Battle, in France, and Mrs. Nell Battle Booker, of Chapel Hill, survive; also the following sisters and brothers, Messdames R. L. Gibbon and J. J. Hutchison, of Charlotte, and J. L. Massey, of Fort Mill, and Messrs. J. W. Wilson, of Statesville, A. E. Wilson, of Chattanooga, and Alex Wilson of Gainesville Ga.

The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church in Raleigh Sunday afternoon and interment made in the Battle plot in Oakwood cemetery Raleigh.

Mrs. Battle had many friends in Morganton, her girlhood home, to whom the news of her death brings deep grief.

TO MOVE TO CHARLOTTE

Friends here regret exceedingly that Mrs. F. M. Scroggs expects to move to Charlotte about the first of May. Mrs. Scroggs will continue as stewardess of the State Hospital, which position she has held since the founding of the institution. The Scroggs family has owned a home in Charlotte for some time and Mrs. Scroggs has a sister there. By living there the three sons of the family can be at home more than if they continued their residence here. Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs have been living here for years and their change of home is a matter of deep regret to the town. It is hoped that the move is only temporary.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

Mr. Jno. T. Oxford and Miss Blonnie Propst were married in Saint Margaret's church last Sunday morning. This was the first wedding to be celebrated in the new church. Mrs. Hughson gave away the bride and Mr. J. E. Erwin acted as best man. There was a large and reverent congregation. Prof. Hardie Turner officiated at the organ and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and other fine music.

During the week an eight days preaching mission is being conducted at Saint Margaret's by the Rev. S. B. Stroup, of Hickory. There will be a special service for women only this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock and every night during the week a preaching service open to all at 8 o'clock.

At Grace church, throughout Lent, there is daily morning service at 10:30 a. m. GEORGE HILTON, Rector.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

BRIDGEWATER.

Mr. Astor Yelton, son of Mr. J. N. Yelton, of Muddy Creek, and Miss Mabel Hendrix, daughter of Mr. J. L. Hendrix, of near Nebo, were married at Nebo last Tuesday night by Rev. M. V. Snipes, leaving on train No. 35 for Asheville. The marriage was quite a surprise to their many friends, who wish them all abounding happiness. Mr. Yelton has recently accepted a position with Mr. E. J. Reynolds at Winston-Salem and contemplates making that place his home for the present.

Mr. Robert Seals, of the 27th division of the A. E. F., returned to his home here Thursday, having received an honorable discharge from service at Camp Lee, Va.

Mr. Mark Giles, of the 30th division, was in Bridgewater one day last week. He received his discharge the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hemphill received a letter from their son, Bryon, last week, saying he had landed at Charleston and was now in a hospital at Camp Jackson suffering from the effects of being gassed on the 10th of November, but hoped to soon be able to return home.

Miss Charlotte Anthony returned to Asheville Monday to the N. C. I. School after a vacation with home folks here.

Miss Florence Hemphill, of Morganton, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hemphill.

Misses Hannie and Ola Gibbs, of Marion, visited Misses Margurite and Charlotte Anthony Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Ballew and little son, Billie, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Bud Lewis at Hankin.

Miss Lillian Hunter and brother, Charlie, were shopping in Marion Monday.

Mrs. Willard Cannon, of Marion, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Philip Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweeney, of Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McDaniel, of Camp No. 2, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ballew.

Mr. John Seagle, of Lugoff, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seagle, at Construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd and children, spent Sunday with Mr. Byrd's father, Mr. J. A. Byrd, near Glen Alpine.

Mr. Joe Tate and two children, of Marion, spent Sunday at the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate, on Muddy Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rowe spent Sunday on Muddy creek with Mr. Rowe's mother, Mrs. A. E. Rowe.

GLEN ALPINE.

Morganton township has done the right and safe thing by cutting out two of the railroad crossings between here and Morganton. The only crossing is at the Mission chapel and the road runs straight to the McDowell line. They are top soiling it now and are doing good work. If the people who lived a hundred years ago could come back, what a revelation it would be to them to see the good roads. There are more people now, hence the greater need for better roads.

Mr. M. N. Hennessee's store came very near to being destroyed by fire last week. The top caught from (Continued on seventh page)

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION DISCUSSED — TAXATION

Experts to Assess Property, the Standard of Value to Be 100 Per Cent of Conservative Judgment.

By A. J. Maxwell.

The last article covered the organization for the revaluation of real estate under the new act, except special examiners. The act authorized the Tax commission to employ for the State special examiners to assist in appraisal of properties the value of which is difficult to ascertain. This provision anticipates that in so far as it may be found practical experts in appraisal of particular classes of property will be employed with the view that all property of each of such classes will be accurately and equally appraised in all parts of the State. Capitalization of enterprises has been handled in such wide variety of ways that it furnishes in many cases a totally inaccurate index of the value of the property represented. The success of the revaluation plan will depend upon the thoroughness, accuracy and fairness with which it is done, and it will not do to assess at full value the classes of property the value of which will be within the knowledge of the assessor and to take a poor guess at the value of other properties as to the value of which he will have little knowledge.

The standard of value is 100 per cent, or as expressed in the act, what the property would sell for at ordinary sale for cash. Forced sales, auction sales, and sales on "the extortion plan," or the allotments of time prices are to be eliminated as a matter of course. The act does not anticipate that unnaturally inflated values shall be used, even when supported by some conditions of sale. The rule is plain enough; the difficulty is in the application. That element of value is in every case a matter of sound judgment and discretion, based upon accurate knowledge of the prop-

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