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## PROPERTY SHOULD BE RE-VALUED CORRECTLY

Editor, THE FRANKLIN TIMES, Louisburg, N. C .- Answering your editorial of last week "Why Revalue Froperty", please let me say that the valuation as placed upon property should be done correctly as precribed by law and not as a matter of juggling figures to make our tax ates appear to be what they truly are

our statement that "The idea that one class of property has decreased in value more than another in Frankin County is ridiculous and absurd ts not borne cut by the public tax records of our county. These records show that the personal property of Franklin County decreased from \$2.-28,411 in 1929 to \$1,895,656 in 1930 r a drop of over 33 per cent invaluation in this one year, whereas the tax value of Franklin County's real property increased from \$10,564,467 to \$10,698,745 this same year. This fact is even more conspiciously borne out when a comparison is made of present valuations with those of 1920. because personal property has been reduced in valuation over 70 per reduced in valuation over 70 per cent while real property has been re-duced only 38 1-2 per cent.

It would not only be incorrect but mere folly should our tax assessors strive to cling to present valuations in order to hide the high tax rates that our people are now paying even to the point of impoverishment. The outside world knows the financial rat-ing of Franklin County with its tremendous public indebtedness of \$2,-612,467.25 as docketed upon state records at our capitol in Raleigh, and the county's rating per capita wealth is likewise known as to be fourth from the bottom of the one hundred ounties in the State You are right in saying that re-

ducing valuations alone will not re-duce taxes proportionately, as well as in saying that the County should out expenses and should deal squarely with its creditors. But it expect to reduce taxes or preserve our credit, our financial records must speak the truth, and our public fficers must be courageous. It is he truth that our land, town prop-rty, mules, and plows have depreci-11 18 ared in value now with nine cent cot-on, fifteen cent tobacco, and tight money. And, accordingly, all prop-rty so affected should be lowered in alue in this time of depression, even is these values were increased upon ur tax books from \$10.082.326. in 19 to \$25.274.424 in 1920 when cotton and tobarco were at their very peak and money plentiful throughout

A valuation of property should be 1 T LL AL true inventory of the county's ealth to day, upon which to base equitably its financial operations. The sooner that each citizen is informed of the financial conditions as truly existing throughout our public affairs. hen, the sooner our county will be safeguarded against public expenditures which are at present running beyond our ability to pay ability, it the yearly increasing bended indebt-ednesses and amount of delinquent

taxes are any criterion. No better money could be spent, at this period of blind guessing, that for a certified public audit and a correct revaluation which together will show just exactly where we stand and why. This is but fair to our commissioners to our creditors and to ourselves. WILLIAM W. NEAL

BOBINSON-JENKINS

Franklinton, Dec. 27.—A wedding of quiet simplicity was solemnized at the home of the bride Christmas Day at 2 o'clock when Miss Allie Luella senkins and Dr. George Merritt Rob-inson of New York and Durham were marr.ed.

The bride entered with her brother J. F. Jenkins, as the Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" was played. The bridegroom was attended by Captain Card of Duke University as best man. Rev. A. S. Barnes of Raleigh per formed the ceremony as "The Sweet-Story Ever Told" was rendered Mrs. Nellie B. Rives of Raleigh Mrs. Robinson is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. Jenkins of near Franklinton. Dr. Robinson received his Ph. D. De-pree at Cornell University and is ow professor of mathematics at Duke "niversity



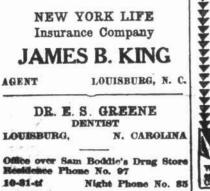
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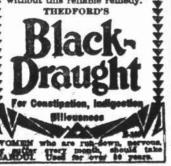
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not feel well, or if I had a cold, my mother gave me Black-Draught," says Mrs. Orpha Hill, of Wofford, Ky. "When I was married, it became a fami-ly medicine in my own home, as it was in my mother's. "I take it for badacha and ¥

 as it was in my mothers.
"I take it for hesdache and especially for constipation.
When I get bilious, my skin
gets yellow and I have a very bad taste in my mouth, and a drowsy feeling all during the day. My eyes burn and I get dizzy, or my head is 'swim-ming.' When I take Black-Draught, it seems to drive the impurities out of my system impurities out of my system and I feel fine. I am seldom without this reliable remedy."



They left after the ceremony for a brief wedding trip.

## HILL PRESENTS FOREST **TO COLLEGE DEPARTMENT**

A Christmas present of721 acres of open and timber land lying next to his Quail Roost Farm in upper Durham County was presented to the forestry department of the school of contently department of the school of agriculture at State College on De-cember 21 by George Watts Hill, young captalist and civic leader of Durham. Formal presentation of the deeds was made by Mr. Hill to the Executive Committee of the Board of Transfees Trustees.

This valuable gift follows the do-ration of 378 acres made to the same department last June. The forest fiven last June is known as the George Watts Hill demonstration for-est and is located on both sides of the Flint River about 17 miles north of Durham on the Roxboro Highway, two miles south of Rougemont. The rew area adjoins the original gift and is in three tracts. The land contains about 4,000 cords

of pine wood now suitable for the market and more than \$300,000 board fcet of hardwood timber, says Dr. Julius V. Hofmann, head of the college forestry department. Some of the land is open and will be used for reforestation studies. The whole area will be used as a laboratory by forestry students and Dr. Hofmann plans establish a permanent camp as soon establish a permanent camp as get started. Mr. Hill made a provision in his

deed that all the income from the for-ests must be used by the forestry de-

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