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Local Taxation for Public Schools in Guilford County.

In Accordance With a Law Enacted by the Legislature of 1896-97 an Election Has Been Ordered in Every Township in Guilford County Upon the Question of Local Taxation for Public Schools, and Every Citizen in the Township Will be Called Upon to Vote on Tuesday, August 10th, "For Schools" or "Against Schools."

The tables below have been carefully prepared from the official records of this county and contain information necessary for intelligent voting upon this question.

We urge every citizen of the county to examine carefully these tables and the brief comments thereon Gilmer, Morehead and High Point townships are not included in these tables because they are com-Gilmer, Morehead and High Point townships are not included in these tables because they are comprehended chiefly by the city of Greensboro and the town of High Point that have already established systems Double Swunk before making up, and of graded schools by local taxation and only those portions of these townships not included in the corporate limits of these cities will vote upon this question.

TOWNSHIPS.	No. of taxpayers that pay poll tax only.	No. the assessed value of whose real and personal property is less than \$500.	No. the assessed value of whose real and personal property is from \$500 to \$1,000.	No. the assessed value of whose real and personal property is from \$1,000 to \$5,000.	No, the assessed value of whose real and personal property is \$5,000 and above.
Centre Grove.	57	107	37	36	
Clay	50	170	49	59	1
Deep Kiver	23	192	47	44	
rentrees	31	171	57	36	
Friendship	68	262	57	52	1
Carolina and a service of the servic	24	213	62	43	3
Jamestown	50	229	70	56	6
Jefferson	65	173	58	56	9
Madison	37	138	30	23	. 0
Monroe	55	132	35	22	
Oak Ridge	43	172	30	36	•
Rock Creek	51	- 208	40	54	3
Summer nerg	49	168	35	29	3
Sumner	58	246	41	37	. 1
Washington	44	148	48	33	1
	694	2729	696	616	26

The smallest special tax for schools allowed by the Local Taxation Act of 1897 is ten cents on every hundred dollars valuation of property and thirty cents on every poll. Assuming that the above townships of Guilford county should by vote levy this special tax, the following is apparent from table No. 1: A simple calculation will show that seventy-two per cent. or nearly three fourths of the people in these

townships would pay less than fifty cents more property tax for schools than they now pay, and more than half of the remaining fourth would pay less than one dollar more property tax than they now pay. About seven-eighths of the taxpayers of these townships then would have their taxes for schools increas-

ed by the special tax less than \$1.30. Only about one-eighth would have their taxes increased more than \$1.30.

Malte.		Polls	Ł.	Aggregat	e value o onal pro	of real and perty.	ular	approtion t	o lools.	of in- crease from spe- cial tax of	received	Total for
	Colored.	Total.	White.	Colored.	Total.	White.	Colored.	Total.	on \$100 and thirty cents on poll.	from state treasury by special act of 1897.	school pur- poses.	
Rock Creek Summerfield Summer	77 156 149 137 135 165 166 141 96 104 115 130 112 134	54 15 18 19 56 11 17 43 22 49 30 52 37 22 10	131 171 167 156 191 176 173 184 118 153 145 182 149 156 149	\$129 224 201 084 143 665 145 696 203 441 198 510 278 104 179 720 91 250 114 732 129 139 220 239 134 201 141 093 120 272	\$5 542 330 2 772 2 514 11 443 2 059 982 1 527 1 864 3 468 1 896 4 134 5 100	\$134 766 201 514 146 437 148 210 214 884 200 569 279 086 181 247 93 114 118 200 130 925 224 373 139 301 141 093 120 358	\$355 463 367 423 600 780 541 661 305 343 413 430 445 814	\$259 60 120 70 248 97 154 184 158 218 164 322 149 155 102	\$614 523 487 493 848 877 695 845 463 561 577 752 584 829 552	\$174 06 252 81 196 43 195 09 272 18 253 37 330 98 236 44 128 51 164 10 174 42 278 97 184 00 187 89 165 06	\$!74 06 252 81 196 43 195 01 272 18 253 37 330 98 236 44 128 51 164 10 174 42 278 97 184 00 187 89 165 06	\$962 12 1028 62 879 86 883 02 1392 26 1383 64 1356 96 1317 88 720 02 889 20 925 84 1309 94 952 00 1204 78 882 12

This table shows for each township the number of polls, the aggregate value of real and personal prop | confronted a free people, a question erty, the entire amount of money now received by all the schools in each township from the regular ap- of the most transcendent imporportionment to public schools, the additional amounts that these schools would receive from a special tax of tance to the present and future of e. ten cents on \$100 valuation of property and thirty cents on poll, the additional amount that would be re- Guilford county that ever has been ceived from the State treasury by the special act of 1897 for the encouragement of local taxation, and the or ever will be presented to the peototal amount available for these schools from all sources in case such special tax should be levied. It will be seen that for every dollar of additional tax that the township votes upon itself another dollar all political, racial and personal

will be given by the State. Every dollar of tax levied under the Local Taxation Act in any of these townships means two dollars this question with the courage of for the public schools. On account of its large number of small townships, Guilford is in a position to get lovers of their fellowmen, their the most possible out of this appropriation of the State to stimulate local taxation. A tax of ten cents country and their country. on the \$100 and thirty cents on the poll voted by the township now would raise as much for its public A vote "For Schools" is a vote schools as a tax of d uble that amount would raise after the offer of the State shall have expired or for intelligent citizenship and the shall have been withdrawn. Can the people of these townships afford not to take advantage of this unusual safety and the happiness that lie

A simple calculation based upon the last four columns of this table will show that the public school is a vote for ignorant citizenship and fund in these townships would be increased about sixty five per cent. by levying the lowest rate of taxation the danger and the unhappiness that and within 100 feet of the office and under the new law. In some of these townships the public school fund would be nearly doubled, or increas- lie therein. residence. Salem trains make regular ed nearly one hundred per cent.

TOWNSHIPS.		No. of children of school age,		No. of children			Number of public schools now.		Number of schools under new law, with average of not less than 65 children.		ular ap-	A mount to each school from all sources it special tax of ten cents on \$100 val. of	school in
	White.	Colored.	Total.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	Total.	ment to	property and thirty cents on poll is levied.	under		
Centre Grove Clay Deep River Fentress Friendship Greene Jamestown Jefferson Madison Monroe Oak Ridge Rock Creek Summerfield Sumner Washington	282 238 259 383 515 424 401 182 220 366 290 236 440 269	180 34 94 41 187 52 117 109 106 159 110 209 103 92 54	378 316 332 300 570 567 451 510 288 379 474 499 338 532 313	5 6 4 5 6 7 7 8 4 4 4 5 3 7 6	3 1 1 1 2 2 1 3 2 2 2 4 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 4 3 4 4 7 6 6 3 3 5 4 3 7 4	2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 3 1 1 1 1	5 5 4 5 6 8 7 7 4 5 6 7 4 8 5	\$122 80 104 60 121 75 98 60 141 33 109 62 99 28 120 71 115 75 112 20 96 16 107 42 146 00 103 62 110 40	\$192 42 205 72 219 96 176 60 232 04 172 95 193 85 188 27 180 00 177 84 154 30 187 13 238 00 150 59 176 42	\$ 70 62 101 12 98 21 88 00 90 71 62 33 94 57 68 66 64 25 65 64 58 14 79 71 92 00 47 27 66 02		
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From this table it will be observed that, if the law forbidding the establishment in any school district musket and a mooly bull The sizes of peeled bark. He does not of a greater number of schools for either race than will give each school an average of fewer than sixty five parties to the deal were perfectly remember that he ever saw the pupils is enforced, the number of white schools in these townships will be reduced from 81 to 66 and the sincere in what they did and ennumber of colored schools from 29 to 20. There would be but a small reduction in the number of schools tered upon life in a new relation knows not whether his simple de in any single township. In some townships the number would not be changed and in a few it would be without a thought of violating any vice prolonged his life and aided PURITY: A HIGH GRADE PATENT.

It will also be observed that the fund available to each of these schools, should the special tax be voted, low's wife and the musket and the would be increased in amounts varying from \$47 to \$101. The increase in the fund available to each of bull as his own was happy because these schools would vary from about fifty to about one hundred per cent.

At \$27.83, the average monthly salary now paid white teachers in Guilford county, and \$24.51, the average monthly salary now paid colored teachers, this of course would mean lengthening the term of each white school from seven to fourteen weeks and the term of each colored school from eight to sixteen means to space and the term of each colored school from eight to sixteen means to space felt ditto. white school from seven to fourteen weeks and the term of each colored school from eight to sixteen weeks. to spare felt ditto. Longer terms and more money would also mean corresponding increase in the efficiency of the teachers and the schools. The chief cause of poor schools is poor teachers, the chief causes of poor teachers are short terms and poor pay. An examination of the lists of public school teachers of this county will show that there is an almost entirely new set of teachers every few years. On account of short terms and low salary, the pay is so inadequate that most of the brightest and most promising teachers seek more lucrative employment about the time they are beginning to be fitted by experience for the best teaching. There are and the schools. The chief cause of poor schools is poor teachers, the chief causes of poor teachers are

of course some noble self sacrificing exceptions, but this is the general rule. To sum up then, should the people of the townships mentioned above vote upon themselves a small tax of ten cents on \$100 valuation of property and thirty cents on the poll for public schools, about three fourths of them would pay less than eighty cents and seven-eighths less than \$1.30, only about one eighth more than \$1.30 For every dollar of tax thus paid their public schools would receive two dollars. The public school fund available to each public school would be increased in amounts varying from \$47 to \$101. The terms of the white schools would be lengthened from 7 to 14 weeks each, the terms of the colored schools from 8 to 16 weeks each, giving an entire school term to each white school of from 22 to 29 weeks, and to each colored sel ool of from 23 to 31 weeks. By a pro rata distribution according to the number of children, the white schools would receive seventy four per cent of the proceeds from the increased tax for schools and the colored schools twenty six per cent. The schools would be greatly increased in proficiency. The standard of teaching would be greatly elevated. Over three thousand dollars would be brought into these townships from the state treasury and put into circulation among the people through the public schools. In other words every cent of local tax for schools voted by the township would be paid back to the township by the state.

With these incontrovertible facts staring them in the face what is the sensible, practical, business-like course for the voters in these townships to pursue on the tenth day of August next?

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Every citizen of these townships on the tenth of August next will stand face to face with one of the most important questions that ever ple of this county. Laying aside prejudices, our people should meet

therein. A vote "Against Schools" J. Y. JOYNER.

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The party will go over the located line of the Stone Mountain railroad to Stone Mountain, and then over the proposed extension via Damas eus, and Abington to St. Paul, Va They will return via Bristol and Mountain City, Tenn., Jefferson and North Wilkesboro, N. C., some time next week.

On the way, the party will be with the officers of the Virginia Western Coal and Iron Railroad Company. The Stone Mountain Railroad Company has closed a 106 South Elm Street, traffic contract with the Southern Railway, and it is believed that after the party returns.

Chief Engineer Wells, of the North Carolina Midland road, has has his engineering corps now at work near South river, ten miles beyond Mocksville. He tells me that he expects to complete the survey of the proposed extension of the road from Mocksville to Moores ville by the 20th instant. There appears to be no doubt now about the road being built.

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The following incident occurred substantially in the experience of one who was for a time a missionary to the Field Infirmary of Jack. the battle of Spottsylvania Court House in May, 1864, the Field Infirmary was pitched near to another hospital. One day the missionary above referred to went down to this hospital, and going into a tent his attention was directed to a The Bristol Courier says: "A wounded soldier in one corner of rather unique and startling state of the tent. This soldier had written affairs was revealed in a case in on a scrap of paper, "I would give court in Mitchell county, N. C., re- anything in the world that I poscently. Some parties were ar- sess if I could drink a quart of wa raigned on a charge of fornication | ter, but I cannot swallow." He and adultery, and it turned out that had been wounded in the jaws while in a sense they may have been | The missionary friend had a small guilty, in another they were inno- cup of peculiar shape with a procent. The evidence showed that jecting spout. By attaching a tube merely the trading liberty of the of gutta percha to this spout the that the parties involved had con- throat of the wounded, thirsty man. sidered it a matter of no conse- The poor fellow could express his sense of pleasure and relief by "It appeared from the evidence squeezing the hand of him who had Greensboro, N. C., July 14.

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