

GOVERNOR WRITES AVERAGE CITIZEN

Makes an Appeal To The Conscience of North Carolina Tax Payers

ASKS LOYAL SUPPORT REVALUATION LAW

Directs Attention to the "Average Citizen's" First Opportunity To Write Full Truth and Perfect Equality in Tax Books, "To Tell The Truth and Shame The Devil"

In an open letter to "Mr. Average Citizen," made public from the Executive offices yesterday, Governor T. W. Bickett makes an appeal to every taxpayer in the State called upon to answer a questionnaire under the State's new revaluation law to "sound out his conscience in making return of his property."

"When you come to take this solemn oath," the Governor writes the average citizen, "it will be helpful to put to your own conscience this question: 'If I did not own this property, but wanted to buy it, what would I be justified in paying for it?'"

"I call on you," concludes this letter, "to lend your vigorous support, first, by example, and then by precept, to this attempt by the General Assembly to build up a taxation system in North Carolina grounded on perfect truth and perfect justice. By so doing you will help to practically demonstrate that it is profitable in money and morals to a people as well as to an individual to tell the truth and shame the devil."

Average Citizen Loves The Truth.

The full text of the Governor's letter reads:
"My dear Mr. Average Citizen:

"An intimate acquaintance with you, extending over a number of years, leads me to write you this intensely personal letter. I know that you love the truth, that you despise injustice, that you are a robust champion of the square deal."

"The possession by you of the cardinal virtues makes North Carolina a truly great State.
"The most vital power of the State is the power to tax, and you know that this vital power should be exercised with a full knowledge of the truth. You believe that from this full knowledge of the truth there will flow perfect equality in taxation."

"For the first time in the history of the State you, Mr. Average Citizen, have it in your power to write the full truth and perfect equality in the tax books of the State. You have never been called upon to do this before; indeed, you have never been permitted to do this before. But now the General Assembly has enacted a law that places the matter entirely in your hands. The new tax law is written on correct principles. The machinery for its enforcement is adequate and appropriate. The law is so written that it will be easy for the citizen to do right and hard for him to do wrong. But on you, Mr. Average Citizen, rests the responsibility of determining whether or not the law and just purpose of the law shall be carried out."

"Now, Mr. Average Citizen, you will receive a questionnaire and will be called upon to swear before God and to all your fellow-citizens what is the fair market value of your property. When you come to take this solemn oath it will be helpful to you to put to your own conscience this question: 'If I did not own this property, but wanted to buy it, what would I be justified in paying for it?' and, again: 'If I wanted to sell this property, not at a forced sale, but in the way and on the terms that property of this class is generally sold in this community, what do I really believe I could get for it?'"

The answer to these questions will point with reasonable accuracy to the fair market value of your property. This fair market value you must write down in your questionnaire, else you will come to be Mr. Average Citizen and become Mr. Undesirable Citizen.
"The Books Will Tell."
When you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the truth about your property, it will do no good for your neighbor, Mr. Undesirable Citizen, to tell a lie about his property, because when the books show truly what the property of Mr. Average Citizen is worth, this evidence will clearly and conclusively show what the property of Mr. Undesirable Citizen is worth. The local and district assessors, when they come to fix the value of property, will be governed by the sworn testimony of Mr. Average Citizen."

"And when you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the unvarnished truth about your property, that truth will wipe out every discrimination and every inequality in taxation in North Carolina. True values are always equal values, but the greatest expert cannot equalize a series of falsehoods."

"When all the property in the State shall be placed on the books at its fair market value, many benefits will accrue to you, Mr. Average Citizen.
"1. You will have the great satisfaction of knowing that the record written by all the people of the State is a true record and not a libel on the commonwealth. This knowledge will wonderfully strengthen the moral fiber of our people.
"You will know that every discrimination in taxation is wiped out, and that every citizen is carrying his fair part of the burden.
"2. As the values go up the rate of taxation will go down, and hereafter North Carolina will be known far and wide as a wealthy State with a low rate of taxation instead of a poor State with a high rate of taxation.
"3. The General Assembly has made a pledge not to collect, under the proposed new revaluation of property, revenues greater than ten per cent in excess of the revenues collected under the present false values. This means that the total revenues collected by the State shall not be greater than ten per cent in excess of the total revenues collected under the present law. This most emphatically does not mean that no particular citizen will have to pay taxes in excess of ten per cent of the amount he has heretofore paid. A particular citizen may pay less taxes than he has ever paid before. He may pay double what he has heretofore paid. This depends on whether or not he has heretofore paid his fair share of the taxes ac-

A FEW OF RALEIGH FANS WHO HEARD FIGHT RETURNS



Snapshot of part of crowd which heard The News and Observer's report on Willard-Dempsey fight July 4th.

OSBORNE PLACED IN FATHER'S CARE

Youthful Incurable Will Be Placed in Some Virginia Institution

Wallace E. Osborne, of Danville, Virginia, found guilty before Judge W. C. Harris of aiding and abetting in the prostitution of Nellie Stuart, aged 17, was yesterday probated in the custody of his father.

Judge Harris, in announcing his decision in City Court yesterday morning, said that he was taking this course because of the integrity of H. A. Osborne, the boy's father, who had been highly recommended to him.

Mr. Osborne, who came to Raleigh for the purpose of getting his son, has agreed to place him in some institution in Virginia, and report back to the court in two weeks that such action has been taken. The young man who is within a few months of his twenty-second birthday has a bad record, and his case was a problem for the court.

The two girls, Nellie Stuart and his girl wife, Lettie Osborne, go to Samarcand Manor on three year sentences.

Tough, Ain't It?
When a man gets too old that his wife don't want him any more, he is in a bad way ain't he? That's the way Fred Jones, 70-year old colored man, was in night before last.

The family tangle was given the usual airing in court yesterday morning. Judge Harris finally instructed the old man to do and live by himself, and so avoid further trouble.
Things started to move when Fred objected to his wife, Annie Jones, having colored gentlemen callers. Annie and Nola Chavis then jumped on the old man, tore his clothes off, and sent him running down the street with nothing on but underclothing minus one leg.

The onlooking neighbors offered plenty of testimony to that effect. Fred started to cry when they put him on the stand. His feelings were hurt, it appeared. This was his third wife, and she wasn't treating him fair!
He paid half the costs, and the court made Nola pay the other half for not telling the truth on the stand.

A Little Speeding.
Five speed cases were tried, with five dollars and costs as the cure-all. The offenders were: A. E. Gorman, 25 m. p. h. on Martin Street going East; John Wilson, same; J. L. Bland, 25 m. p. h. on Hillsboro Street going East; W. S. Winberry, 30 m. p. h. on Hillsboro Street going East; A. M. Mooneyham, 30 m. p. h. on Hillsboro Street going East.

Mrs. W. W. Jenkins was fined five dollars and costs for driving past a standing street car. Scott Parkham got off with a suspended judgment by agreeing not to drive a hack again. He had been driving on the wrong side of the street.
A. D. Lowery paid five dollars and costs for being drunk. George Pell, colored, was found not guilty of disorderly conduct and James Christmas not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

CAPT. HARRY TUCKER ADDED TO A. & E. FACULTY

Professor Harry Tucker, of the North Carolina State College, is spending some time in Washington, D. C., with the United States Bureau of Public Roads. Professor Tucker, who saw service in France as a captain with the 105th Engineers, "Old Hickory" Division, was recently selected to head the new course of highway engineering, which begins at State College in the fall. His trip to Washington is for the purpose of testing and studying road building materials and gathering other data relative to highway construction and maintenance.

ROCKINGHAM PREACHER AT PULLEN MEMORIAL

Rev. O. G. Milton, of Rockingham, will occupy the pulpit at both services today at Pullen's Memorial Baptist Church. He will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

CORDING TO HIS TRUE WORTH.

If he has paid more than his fair share the ten per cent; if he has paid less than his fair share, the increase as to him will be more than ten per cent.
You, Mr. Average Citizen, will at once perceive the essential justice in thus equalizing the public burden. I call on you to lend your vigorous support, first, by example, and then by precept, to this attempt by the General Assembly to build up a taxation system in North Carolina grounded on perfect truth and perfect justice. By so doing you will help to practically demonstrate that it is profitable in money and in morals to a people as well as to an individual to tell the truth and shame the devil.
Sincerely yours,
T. W. BICKETT.

RALEIGH'S THIRD DAILY CHARTERED

Papers of Incorporation For Raleigh American Co. Filed Yesterday

HOPES TO APPEAR AROUND OCTOBER 1

New Afternoon Newspaper For Capital City, Promoted by E. A. Womble, Makes First Step Toward Publication; White, Boone and Womble, Incorporators

Raleigh's third daily paper made its first stride toward publication yesterday afternoon when the Secretary of State granted a charter to the Raleigh American Company. The new daily, of which Edgar A. Womble is to be managing editor, will be known as the "Raleigh American," and is to be an afternoon, independent Democratic paper.

The new company is capitalized at \$50,000, \$10,000 of which is to be eight per cent non-cumulative preferred, and at the time of filing papers of incorporation \$1,500 had been paid in with E. A. Womble, George L. H. White and C. E. Boone, all of Raleigh, incorporators.

Prospects are bright, according to the promoters, for the new paper to make its initial bow to the reading public by October 1. New machinery throughout has been ordered and just as soon as it is received and installed the first issue will be printed. The paper will be served by the United Press.

Promoter Former N. and O. Man.
Edgar A. Womble, the moving spirit in the organization of the company that is backing the paper, formerly was on the staff of The News and Observer in the capacity of city editor, telegraph editor and managing editor. Before his last connection with The News and Observer, he was with the Baltimore (Evening) Sun. Stockholders in the company, other than the incorporators, include A. L. Baker, B. F. Montague, Daniel Allen, G. H. Andrews, W. R. Drake, F. K. Ellington, James K. Young, Don Richardson, R. H. Knott, E. T. Knott, J. H. Sears, James R. Rogers, W. R. Newsom, Charles J. Parker, Joseph E. Pogue, Charles W. Horne, A. G. Spingler, B. S. Jerman, J. O. Jones, C. T. McDonald, Edward Osborn, L. Francis, J. M. Broughton, J. P. Heaves, J. L. O'Quinn, Mrs. J. L. O'Quinn, W. A. Cooper, J. S. Fulghum and Charles Selligson.

Another Raleigh concern incorporated was the North Carolina Paper Company, which expects to do a wholesale and distributing business here. There is only one other paper house in the State, that being located at Charlotte. All of the men incorporating are experienced in paper lines.
North Carolina Paper Company, Raleigh; authorized capital, \$50,000; subscribed, \$10,000; duration unlimited; Murray Allen, J. W. Weaver, George B. Justice, Robert J. Wilson, all of Raleigh, incorporators.
Barnes Manufacturing Company, High Point; authorized capital, \$125,000; subscribed, \$25,000; duration unlimited; H. G. Barnes, Z. I. and E. S. Wall, both of High Point; Z. I. Walsler, Lexington, incorporators.
American Lumber Company, Lexington; authorized capital, \$50,000; subscribed, \$10,000; duration unlimited; W. B. Bargin, Lexington; S. L. Burgin, Charlotte; J. C. Smith, Shelby, incorporators.
Southland Motor Car Company, Ayden, manufacturers. Authorized capital, \$250,000; subscribed, \$10,200; duration unlimited; S. A. Eure, K. A. Pittman, J. D. Johnson, all of Ayden, incorporators.
Raleigh American Company, Raleigh; evening newspaper. Authorized capital, \$50,000; \$10,000 to be eight per cent non-cumulative preferred; subscribed, \$1,500; duration, unlimited. Edgar Womble, C. E. Boone, George L. H. White, incorporators.
Chadborn Drug Company, Chadborn. Filed a charter amendment increasing the authorized capital from \$3,000 to \$25,000.
A second similar amendment raised the authorized capital of the Farmers Cotton Oil Company, Wilson, from \$100,000 to \$400,000.

EXPECTS SPEEDING UP OF NAVY ENLISTMENTS

Lieut. Hoffman, in charge of the local navy recruiting office, is greatly pleased at the provision of the new naval appropriation bill under which enlistments may be for two years. It will mean, he says, an increase in the number of the following telegram from Washington giving full details of the new provisions:
"Naval appropriation bill approved July 11, 1919, provides in part: Until June 30, 1920, enlistment may be for terms of two or four years, and all laws now applicable to the four year enlistment shall apply under such regulation as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy for enlistments for a shorter period with proportionate benefits upon discharge re-enlistment. Enlistment authorized for two, three or four years at option of recruit in all ratings now open for enlistment except that applications for machinists' mates' school and for aviation mechanics school will not be enlisted for shorter periods than three years. Minors under eighteen may be enlisted for two or three years or period of minority at their option, with consent of parent or guardian as before. Men re-enlisting for a period of two, three or four years are entitled to extra pay for re-enlistment under continuous service, extra pay for citizenship, and two, three or four months honorable discharge gratuity or respectively, if re-enlisting after honorable discharge. Present war pay now permanent for men during current enlistment and for all men enlisting or re-enlisting prior to July 1, 1920, for term of such enlistment or re-enlistment."

SOME OF HIS ADVERTISEMENTS.

The blockade preacher, who told Prosecutor Briggs last night that he preached twice every Sunday at charges in Wake county, advertises his home "for poor working girls," lodging at reasonable prices, "library, music and dance hall." His advertisements portray him in the role of philanthropist and friend of the "poor girl." He also deals extensively in books of various kinds, mostly second-hand volumes.
The vice bureau of the Board of Health and the police both have been watching the Blount street house for several weeks and believe that they have secured sufficient evidence to convict Smith on all three counts. If he is found guilty of maintaining a house for immoral purposes, the property is subject to condemnation, irrespective of ownership, under the new law.
Smith is a man about fifty years of age and is prominently connected in Raleigh.

C. W. PIERCE FUNERAL HELD NEAR LOUISBURG.

The funeral services of Mr. C. W. Pierce, of near Louisburg, who died on last Thursday last, was held Friday from the home of his sister, Mrs. Geneva Haggood. The service was conducted by Rev. John Mitchener, of Franklinton, and interment followed in the family burying plot. Mr. Pierce, who was 68 years old, was a victim of influenza. He was a member of the Wake Cross Roads Baptist church.

DR. BROOKS TO LECTURE IN SUMMER SCHOOLS OF GEORGIA.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, State superintendent of public instruction, leaves Friday for Athens, Georgia, where he will lecture in the University of Georgia summer school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday he will lecture at Emory College.

RALEIGH COTTON MARKET.

Receipts yesterday (bales) 5
Good middling 34
Strict middling 33
Middling 33 1/2
Miscellaneous 33 1/2

Misfortune is the spinster sister of Dame Ruiner, but she is a poor relation.

Kline & Lazarus

RALEIGH'S THRIFT STORE FIVE BIG DEPARTMENTS

A Sale of Unusual Importance

Summer-Time BLOUSES

at Extraordinary Low Prices

Here you will find quite the daintiest versions of the summer Blouse yet displayed, effectively trimmed with tucked and embroidered Organdie, Valenciennes lace and net footing. Artistic touches of eyelet embroidery and fine tucking are also employed.



One lot of Voile and Organdie WAISTS Solid white and colors, \$1.25 values for 85c

Georgette and Crepe de Chine WAISTS

Unusually becoming to all types are these Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists, the prettiest models we have in sizes from 40 to 46. Every design that could be wished for is represented in this collection. \$4.00 and \$5.00 values \$2.75 for

Beautiful Jap Silk WAISTS

Interesting variations in cleverly designed Jap Silk Waists, new creations in all the wanted shades at a purse pleasing price. \$2.50 values for \$1.79

Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

(Including all Spring & Summer Suits)

Commences Tomorrow (Monday) Morning

You have unrestricted choice of every Suit in the house at a reduction of

Men's and Young Men's SUITS 25% Boys' Knickerbocker SUITS

Men who have attended these clearance sales in the past will not wait for a second announcement. Those who have not, but respond to this one, will experience a great satisfaction and learn a lesson in genuine economy that can be taught only by patronizing this event.

It is a sale to fill men's summer clothing wants and empty our cases. The reduction on each suit can be easily verified, as the original price tickets still remain.

We advise early choosing for best selections. Alterations Free.

All STRAW and PANAMA HATS Reduced 25%

S. Berwanger's Semi-Annual Clearance Suit Sale

Put your burdens on us. That's what we are here for--To help you solve your business problems. Send us your Ad with remittance--the rest comes quickly and easily--Classified Department.