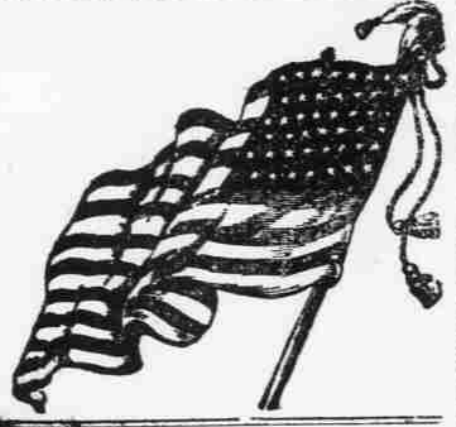


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I pledge allegiance to MY FLAG and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible with Liberty and justice for all.

New Highway Commission.
 THE members of the new State Highway Commission recently appointed by Governor Bickett are Lieutenant Frank Page, of Aberdeen, chairman, John E. Cameron, of Kinston, J. G. Stikeleather, of Asheville, and J. K. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem. All of the appointments are considered splendid ones. Lieut. Page besides intimate knowledge of sand-clay roads for which his section has been famous for many years, has recently had several months' experience constructing roads in France for the American expeditionary forces. The other men named are progressive, wide-awake business men representing the different sections of the State. It is said that their views on building "reasonably good" roads and more of them rather than more expensive concrete highways is in line with the Governor's expressed views on road building in linking up the counties of the State. No member of the old highway commission was re-appointed, but Engineer Fallis, under a six-year contract of which four years is unexpired, will doubtless continue under the new commission. The next thing on the program is to put the machinery in motion in the various counties necessary to secure State and Federal aid.

Powerful War Engine.
 Dr. Robert H. Goddard, professor of physics at Clark College, acting under the patronage of the United States war department, the Smithsonian Institute, Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute has invented a new rocket that is reported to be a terrible engine of war, with an altitude range of 70 miles straight up into the air and a distance range of at least 200 miles. The rocket has been developed in a special laboratory at Worcester Tech, and the signing of the armistice prevented its being put to actual use in warfare against the Germans. It is propelled by a perfected gas engine installed in the lower part of the shell, the explosions that generate the power coming from cartridges that are fed into the chamber by a clock-like time device. The rocket does not require a cannon to start it on its flight, the journey beginning from any point where a man can get. The feature of the rocket is in the head, where a chamber is filled to contain either high explosive or gas.

ACCORDING to a ruling of Attorney General Manning, the State Commissioner of Agriculture is required under the recently enacted dog law to purchase tags only for those counties whose boards of commissioners undertake to repay the cost of the tags furnished to their counties. Those counties which do not guarantee the payment of the tags will not be supplied with them by the agricultural department.

THE friends of Mr. W. J. Peete, one of the oldest members of the Raleigh bar, will regret to hear of his recent death. He was a man of fine literary tastes, having been one of the founders of the State Literary and Historical Association and a member of the State Historical Commission since its organization several years ago. He also was one of the moving spirits in founding the State A. & M. College.

50,000 Volunteers Wanted.
 AN immediate call for 50,000 volunteers for European service has been prepared and published by the war department. These men are desired to be used in replacing men in the American expeditionary forces who wish to return home, and early duty in France will be offered them. They will be sent over in contingents of 1,000 each. A large part of the desired quota it is expected will come from recently discharged troops who wish to return to army life. A number of men who received army training but who were prevented from going overseas by the signing of the armistice, it is thought, will take advantage of this opportunity to enlist and see service in Germany. Enlistment in this special force will be for three years. The concentration camp preparatory to embarking will be Camp Meade, Md.

Success of War Savings.
 AMONG the South Atlantic states, North Carolina stands in per capita sales of war savings stamps and thirty-second in the list of all the states. Her standing in total cash sales (\$27,749,000) is eighteenth, leading all Southern states except Tennessee and Texas in both total and per capita sales. These facts were recently published by State Director F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem, to whose tireless energy and enthusiasm the success of the war savings stamp campaign in North Carolina is largely due. Nearly 750,000 persons, or one-third of our entire population, subscribed to the stamps and, in addition to helping the government finance the war, were taught a striking lesson in thrift. A new spirit of industry and economy was aroused among all classes, besides increasing the patriotism of the people generally. Chatham county's sales amounted to \$211,382, or 42 per cent of the quota assigned, being 59th among the 100 counties of the state.

In a letter to Chairman Hays of the Republican National committee, Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of State, on Sunday declared himself in favor of the league of nations covenant with certain amendments thereto, chief among them being writing an enforcement clause into the articles calling for arbitration and limitation of armaments by restricting to five years the unanimous guaranty of the status of the members of the league and by protecting from non-American interference the affairs on the American continent. With these suggested changes, he asserts it will be "the clear duty" of the United States to enter into the league agreement and thus preserve the peace of the world. One by one the big men of the Nation are coming round to President Wilson's viewpoint.

In a recent opinion by Attorney General Jas. S. Manning, the provision of the State Warehouse Act recently passed by the General Assembly levying a tax of 25 cents on each bale of cotton is declared to be unconstitutional. Since the "sineqs of war" are lacking, by withdrawing the storage charges with which the money alone could be furnished to operate the plan of holding cotton, it is not probable that the measure can be tried out with any degree of success, which is much to be regretted. A test case will be carried to the Supreme Court, however, with the hope that the act in its entirety may be upheld.

AT the outbreak of the European war, five years ago, appointments for the Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford University, England, were suspended. Announcement has been made from our State University that beginning with October next these appointments will be resumed. Only one Rhodes scholar will be chosen from North Carolina. The fortunate young student to be selected by the State committee will be entitled to three years at Oxford and will receive \$1500 a year to cover his expenses.

THE total casualties in the American expeditionary forces to March 30 amounted to 270,576, divided as follows: Killed in action, 32,047; died of wounds, 13,390; died of disease, 22,100; died from accident and other causes, 3,771; wounded in action (over 85 per cent returned to duty), 194,083; missing in action, 5,185.

The fifth annual session of the State College Summer School at West Raleigh, N. C., will start June 10, and last through July 23.

Is Your County Lagging?

Most cotton counties in the state have already pledged their farmers to a reduction in acreage. To them we extend our congratulations and thanks. Their citizens are the salt of the earth. They are determined that the South's prosperity shall continue and obligations to the other counties be fulfilled.

Have You Failed to Do Your Part?

Will your county be one of the slacker counties in the cotton belt? The answer is to be found in YOUR attitude. If YOU "let George do it" YOU and YOUR neighbors and YOUR county are going to be branded.

Public opinion is going to hold up for PUBLIC SHAME the individual, the county or the state that does not follow the "Infallible Plan."

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P. S. We expect to publish at an early date the names of the slacking counties.

Taxation

By A. J. Maxwell.
 One of the features of the revaluation act is more remarkable than the number of its passage by the General Assembly. An ordinance revision of the Machinery Act for the quadrennial assessment of real property usually occupies several days of discussion in each House, and generally sharp division over some of its provisions. The revaluation act—well understood to anticipate a radical departure from past practice, and an appraisal of property at its actual value—was passed without an opposition vote in either House, practically without discussion, and without an amendment being offered except incidental ones offered by the committee which prepared the bill. This showed unanimous recognition for the necessity of the undertaking, as well as complete confidence in the work of the committees which had carefully formulated the plans for carrying it out.

The manner of its passage, with support of members of both parties, as well as the provisions of the act, declare its non-partisan and non-political purpose. It is a helpful indication that a fundamental economic reform of this great importance can be undertaken without partisan disagreement upon the main question or upon the details of the measure for carrying it out. The act gives representation to the minority party in each county by providing that one member of the County Board of Appraisers and Review shall be appointed from the minority party, and also provides that any undue political activity by any appointee under the act shall be cause for summary dismissal.

The act carries its own specific guarantee that its purpose is to provide more equitable means of raising revenue, and not to unduly increase the tax burden. When real estate was revalued in 1915 the total increase in valuation was 25.72 per cent. In 1911 the increase was 32.54 per cent, and in 1907 33.33 per cent. These increased valuations did not result in any reduction in taxes. On the contrary the tendency of tax rates have upon an average during these years been higher. The revaluation act provides specifically that not more than ten per cent increase in revenue shall be raised upon the revaluation at actual value in 1920 than will be raised under the old assessment this year, by the State or by any county, city, town or special tax district. So the net increase in taxes under this reassessment will be less than the increase made in any reassessment year in twenty years.

A further safeguard and assurance, it is provided that the reassessment, when made, shall not be used until approved by the General Assembly, nor until the tax rates have been

adjusted to the new basis of valuation as above indicated, and that the rates when so adjusted shall in all cases become the maximum rates until the General Assembly authorizes an increase. This provision anticipates that there will be a special session of the General Assembly, upon call of the Governor, about the first of July, 1920.

The State Tax Commission is to divide the State into ten districts and appoint a supervisor for each district. The district supervisors will be given employment for at least a year at a salary of \$250 per month and actual traveling expenses, to be paid by the State. They will be expected to give their whole time to the work. They will divide their time between the several counties in their districts, co-operating with the county assessing officers. They will be the direct means of contact between the State Commission and the assessing officers, and will be their duty to see that the work is being done according to law, and according to the same interpretation of the law, in each county, and will be expected to determine this by specific and detailed investigations as assessments are being made in the several counties.

The State Tax Commission is to appoint a county supervisor in each county, who is to be the executive officer in charge of the revaluation work. No township lines are recognized. All the property within a county is to be assessed by the same authority, under direct supervision of the county supervisor. He appoints his own clerks and assistants. The compensation of county supervisor is graduated with reference to the total value of real and personal property listed in his county, from \$100 to \$250 per month, according to the following schedule:

In counties of less than \$3,000,000.	\$100 per month.
Between \$3,000,000 and \$6,000,000.	\$150 per month.
Between \$6,000,000 and \$10,000,000.	\$200 per month.
Between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.	\$225 per month.
Over \$15,000,000.	\$250 per month.

The county supervisor, or one of his assistants, is to inspect each piece of real property in the county, and to require the owner to give a statement under oath and in detail as to its quantity, quality and value. Blank forms for this purpose are to be furnished by the State Tax Commission, and are to cover such inquiries as in the judgment of the Commission are necessary to disclose its real value. These statements, when complete for a township, are to be placed before the County Board of Appraisers, and it is this board which fixes the value. The county supervisor is chairman of this board, and its two other members are to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and confirmed by the State Tax Commission. Appointment of district and county supervisors is to be made by the State Tax Commission during the months of March and April. The Board of County Commissioners in each county is to appoint, at their regular meeting the first Monday in April, two members of the County Board of Appraisers and Review, one from each political party. These appointees receive \$5.00 per day when the Board is in session, and the same mileage as members of the Board of County Commissioners. President Wilson will return home some time next month.

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 North Carolina, Chatham county.—In the Superior Court,
 George W. Riggsbee vs.
 W. J. Williams and M. C. Riggsbee.
 The defendant M. C. Riggsbee above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Chatham county, N. C., to determine the interest of the parties hereto in a certain tract of land situate in Chatham county, N. C.; and the said defendant, M. C. Riggsbee, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the superior court of said county to be held on the ninth Monday after the first Monday in March, being the 12th day, 1919, at the courthouse of said county in Pittsboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
 This March 18, 1919.
 JAS. L. GRIFFIN,
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 Will be at Dr. Chapin's office, Pittsboro, N. C., every 4th Tuesday in each month. Glasses fitted that are easy and restful to the eyes. Cross-eyes straightened without the knife. Weak eyes of children and young people a specialty. My next visit will be Tuesday, April 22.