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"If the gods were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

## Gas Motorists

The amount of gasoline consumed by private and commercial vehicles runs around 20 billion gallons a year. Sales taxes and class taxes on motor vehicle owners amount to more than \$1,000,000,000 annually, as well as the general taxes for the purpose of raising revenue to build roads. The sales taxes were not so high in the first twenty-five years, but they have kept on growing and growing until today every state has a tax per gallon ranging from 3 cents in seven states up to as high as 6 and 7 cents a gallon in 41 states. Now is that fair?

The roads are built for public use. Ample provision has been made by the U. S. government and the States to share in the expense of constructing highways. The

owners of automobiles and motor vehicles are being subjected to special class taxation. A recent petition presented to Congress and backed by more than four hundred organizations of highway workers of the United States asked for various laws imposing special Federal excise taxes upon motor vehicles and trailers, gasoline and lubricating oil—and other special "breeds" of taxation on different parts of automobiles, including tires.

The American Petroleum Institute made a long and forceful fight against this unjust tax upon automobile owners. The Institute has 5000 members, and represents hundreds of different organizations that have petitioned Congress to repeal the unjust laws which exist at the present time. Taxation imposed in the good old days when horses and buggies traveled over dirt roads were mere small change.

## 20 Years Of Service

Sunday, "John W. Luke Day," will be observed, when tribute will be paid to the 20 years of unselfish service and devotion this Presbyterian minister has given to this county and section. Through his preaching, and teaching, thousands of people have been reached.

Not only has he influenced many by his teaching and preaching, but through has participation in other public affairs and the manner in which he lived. He has always been particularly interested in youth and has influenced the lives of thousands of boys and girls, not only in the church, but in other youth organizations.

He served in World War I and rendered distinguished service in World War II, as chairman of the Ashe county draft board for five years. Mr. Luke has also rendered other service to this county and section, that merits recognition. It is fitting that he be honored on Sunday for his twenty years of work and service here. This paper joins the many others in expressing appreciation to him. (The Skyland Post.)

## RATE INCREASE IS SOUGHT BY TELEPHONE

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would not be sufficient to provide a fair return on the Company's property in rendering efficient service.

"What we are asking will not produce all the added revenue that current costs indicate is needed, but will give us immediate relief in the present critical situation. Whether the requested rates will prove sufficient in the future will be determined by operating experience under the new rates," Sparger stated.

Long distance calls will not be affected by the proposed revisions, it was explained.

## LT. COL. MILLER DIES IN HOSPITAL

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oak leaf cluster for extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight to Matina Air-drome, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, in 1944. In addition to the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Unit citation, the American Defense ribbon, the American Theatre ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon with six battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star.

He attended the local schools, and is a graduate of Gastonia high school, where he was a member of the football squad. He was a popular student and ranked high scholastically in his class. He finished with the class of 1937.

After graduating there, he attended N. C. State College at Raleigh for three years and, as near as could be ascertained, enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. His promotions after Pearl Harbor came in rapid succession, and his career was followed with interest by hundreds of Gastonians and Alleghany friends who knew him and his family.

## PORTER IS NAMED PURINA FEED DEALER

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Ralston Purina has originated many of the advances in the science of feeding which have helped to bring about the tremendous increase in the production of milk, meat and eggs, per animal unit, over the years since the company was founded.

In offering the Purina line, Porter Milling Co., brings to this area sanitation products, farm supplies, and feeds of nationally-recognized quality, including chows for poultry, hogs, dairy animals, cattle, goats, sheep dogs fox and mink, rabbits, pigeons and horses and mules; sanitation products for disinfecting premises, equipment and wounds, and for combating flies and other germ carriers and farm supply equipment of special design to save feed, encourage growth, and give longer service.

within a few years by decreased costs to consumers in both United States and Canada. Some industrial heads are for the waterway as it will provide them with cheaper transportation so that they can either reduce prices or show a better profit to their stockholders.

Government authorities estimate that from two to three million hides are being held in Argentina. If these are thrown on the world's market at one time.

In the first five months of 1947, slightly more cigarettes were consumed than in 1946. Cigar consumption was off 6 percent.

A more rapid decline is expected in prices of most commercial truck crops grown for fresh market this summer.

# The Road in WASHINGTON

Super-network of interstate highways have received its final touches by the Public Roads administration in Washington. The plans for safe, speedy movement of traffic between, into and through all major cities in every state.

The plan calls for dependable arteries for industrial centers and strategic routes across the continent and to the Mexican and Canadian borders for defense and industrial purposes.

The plans call for 37,681-mile system of linked express roads which will serve 182 of the 199 cities having a population of 50,000 or more.

Congressional committee which investigated the foot and mouth condition in Mexico expressed complete satisfaction of the result. The Mexicans are paid in cash for all animals destroyed. Some animals are sent to market—without any danger to this or any other nation. The program has resulted in demand for American horses and tractors to replace the mules and oxen being killed. Congr. George W. Gillie, chairman of the group, does not agree with certain Texas cattle interests, opposed to the present program.

The national lumber trade barometer indicates that lumber

supplies are catching up with current demand, with shipments somewhat below current stock and production. Little change has been noted in prices, upward still upward, if anything, taking the nation as a whole.

By the middle of this year farmers of America were receiving 185 per cent more for their crops than received by them in 1939. This is by no means all profit. During the same period wages increased 228 per cent, and average purchases by 98 per cent.

It is interesting to note that the biggest increases in prices received were from crops, grains and meat animals. Increases from poultry and dairy products were reported low. The report issued by the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics shows that fertilizer with 36 per cent increase, tires with 26 per cent increase, were the best "buys" for farmers at the end of the period.

The senate foreign relations committee, just before congress adjourned, approved legislation to authorize the St. Lawrence deep waterway. Southern members of congress have indicated that they will fight the measure. Railroad lobbies have been working hard all year to defeat the St. Lawrence project. The cost of the waterway will be paid for

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## HAMM REUNION WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

The Hamm Reunion will be held at the Liberty Baptist church at Whitehead on Sunday at 10:00 o'clock.

Eld. Willie Hamm invites all relatives to attend and bring a basket lunch.

To avoid sore necks or shoulders, each work animal should have an individual collar, kept exclusively for that animal.

## SCHOOL TO OPEN AT GLADE V. SEPT. 1

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UNC, Geo. Washington University and Assembly T. School, English; Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, ASTC, Conservatory of Music, Farmville, Va.; music and dean of women; W. H. Jones, Davidson College, history; Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, dietitian.

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## MT. PRIMITIVE BAPTIST TO MEET

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of the association; Ed Davis Whitetop, Va.; Joel E. Marshall, Stuart, Va.; and J. Harris of the New River Association. Churches in the association are Crab Creek, Elk Creek, Piney Creek, Barton's X Roads, Rock Creek, Union, Jordan, Cross Roads, Zion, Antioch, Peach Bottom, Fox Creek, Galax, Pilgrim's Rest, Cranberry, Little River and Saddle Creek.

# NOTICE

All Delinquent 1946 Taxes  
Are Long Past Due  
They Will Be Advertised  
If Not Paid Immediately!

1947 Taxes are now Due and Payable

2% DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST  
1% DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING MONTH OF SEPT.

## G. D. Richardson

Tax Collector

# Good Telephone Service Is Dependent Upon Adequate Income

The greatly increased cost of providing telephone service has made it necessary for this Company to file an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for an adjustment in local telephone rates. We want our customers to know the reasons why this is necessary.

## Costs Of Providing Service Much Higher

The cost of everything necessary to provide telephone service is much higher. Since 1940 prices of such staple items as telephones, cables, switchboards, poles, cross arms, and wire have greatly increased. For example, cable has gone up 55%, copper wire 71%, drop wire 89%, central office equipment 93%, poles 102%, and crossarms 217%. The cost of other necessities is correspondingly more.

## Payroll More Than Doubled

Since 1940 our labor costs, which represents about 60% of our expense, has gone up 232%. Our 1947 payroll actually will be more than all the money we took in during 1940.

## Expenses Have Gone Up Faster Than Income

Every effort has been made to operate economically and, at the same time, to meet the service requirements of our customers. We are taking in more money now, but expenses have gone up much more than have revenues. Our revenues are entirely inadequate to cover present day operating costs and provide efficient, adequate and dependable service.

## Rate Structure Established In 1927

Our rate structure was established October 1, 1927, and has remained unchanged from that date to the present time.

## Good Telephone Service Is Our Aim

Telephone requirements during the war and in the period following have greatly increased the demand for service. Operating restrictions and shortages have made the task of meeting this demand more difficult. Many customers are still on the "waiting list." Considerable progress has been made, but much more work remains to be done at greatly increased costs in both labor and materials.

## Rate Adjustment The Only Solution

Efficiency and economy of operation have always been foremost considerations in the management of this Company. Much study has been devoted to the problem of making ends meet. However, income must be sufficient to pay our employees fair wages, to meet other expenses, and to fulfill the service requirements of our customers.

The necessary capital will be attracted only if earnings are adequate to meet the cost of providing service.

The increases included in the Company's applications for some of the principal classes of service in West Jefferson (not including Federal Taxes) range from 50c to \$1.00 for Business and 15c to 75c for Residence service per month, depending upon classification.

Rates for long distance services are not affected by this application.

W. E. Sparger,  
N. C. Manager

# Central Telephone Company

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Sunday, August 31

Management, Bill France  
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First Race At 3:00 P. M.