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### Revaluation

We talked with the commissioners Monday about this matter of revaluation of property, and after our session we came away convinced that they are sincere in their purpose to get all of the property in the county on the tax books at a fair and equitable valuation.

In the first place, we discover that their primary objective is not to raise all values, but to raise those which are obviously unfair as they now stand to the point that all property-owners will share alike. A second source of taxable value lies in the hundreds of pieces of property in existence in the county which are not listed at all for taxation.

It has been no easy job to secure capable men for this work, and men who were well qualified to serve refused to accept the responsibility of the undertaking. A standard set of rules for valuation has been prepared, and if the men into whose hands these duties have been entrusted will do a fair and honest job, practical good may result from this work of revaluation.

In the final analysis, responsibility for the success or failure of the venture rests upon the integrity of the individual taxpayer, for with their cooperation and honest effort, the details of this job will be completed quickly, efficiently and fairly.

And one possible result of this operation may be a lower tax rate for the county in years to come. That's a goal toward which each citizen should be willing to strive.

### Christian Race Relations

(Sunday was Race Relations Day in the Methodist church, and we were particularly impressed with the remarks of the Rev. Paul H. Fields, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, in connection with this observance. We have asked the Rev. Mr. Fields to serve this week as our guest editorial writer, using some of his thoughts from his Sunday morning sermon.)

A definite part of the program of the Methodist Church in America is the observance of Race Relations Day. It is wise for us to make a study of our attitudes toward people of other races. In the light of our findings we may reconstruct our entire outlook and method of procedure.

In the United States we find the melting pot for all races. We are faced, however, with severe problems of relationships and adjustments. Much would be gained by a careful study of Jewish-Christian, Latin-American and recent immigrant group relationships. As we come closer home, it is in the area of Negro-white relationships that we find a constant, everyday need for Christianized attitudes and emotions. It is time for us to give honor where honor is due in the realm of personal and cultural greatness. Our very souls are stirred as we think of the valuable accomplishments of Marian Anderson in music; George Washington Carver in science; Agusta Savage in art; Mary McLeod Bethune in education; and Doctor John Hale in surgery.

There are 132,000,000 people in this country. Thirteen million of these are negroes. Ten million live in our Southland. George Washington Carver, truly representative of the progressive best in his race, rose in stature to be counted among the ten greatest citizens of his day in America. In the light of living illustrations of unselfish service, Negro student education should offer to all of us a thrilling challenge. The encouragement and educational uplift of the Negro race through its youth is essential in the total program of the Christian Church.

As a result of the Christian education

of Negro youth, conditions are steadily improving throughout the nation, and particularly in the South. At the very center of Christian education is the Christ, Master Teacher in the school of life. He is the Friend and Guide of Negro youth in their struggle for an educational opportunity to grow in wisdom in stature, and in favor with God and Man. We follow Jesus Christ as we help to make available the type of education that will enable Negro youth among us to teach, heal, feed, and build for Christian living.

Dr. George Washington Carver has made one of the most amazing contributions in modern times to our world through his scientific research. One day as he stood with Dr. John Owen Gross of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church looking at the products of his research in the Museum at Tuskegee, Alabama, Dr. Carver, said: "Every thing here is the result of a vision I had while attending Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa."

"Just what was that vision?" Dr. Gross asked. "At Simpson College the kind of people there made me believe that I was a human being," was the momentous reply.

Christian race relations are dependent on cooperative friendship. Interracial friendship will break down the barriers of misunderstanding, prejudice, ill-will and hatred.

Dr. M. S. Davage, head of the Department of Institutions for Negroes, gives this challenging word on race relations: "How greatly the sorrowing bewildered world needs the comforting, vitalizing message of good will and brotherhood. Despairing men and women need to be reassured that faith, hope and love abide and will surely triumph over the disintegrative forces of hate."

Bishop Lambeth at one time was lost in the jungles of Africa. All day long the mahogany drums sent out their somber notes, "white friend lost in forest." The white man was a friend of the natives. The natives were friends of the white man. The white man was lost and in need of help, the practical expression of friendship. The natives realized the need and responded with the help that saved. Is not that a real lesson for us in our inter-racial relationships? Cooperative friendship will pave the way to mutual helpfulness. The Spirit of Christ teaches the white man to be a friend of the Negro and the Negro to be a friend of the white man. A Christian man does not harm his friend, no matter what the color differences may be.

The eternal voice of the Son of God and son of man is summoning us to the highest, the truest and the best in all of our race relations. The main points of emphasis are these: Good will and brotherhood, fairness and cooperation, sympathetic understanding and faith, encouragement and unselfish service.

In the Spirit of our Lord and Master and in the spirit of the words of John Oxenham we rest our cause for the New World Order:

"Join hands, then, brother of the faith, whate'er your race may be who serves my Father and Son is surely kin to me."

### The Farm Bureau

When approximately 1,000 North Carolina farmers convene in a North Carolina city and talk intelligently about their problems during a three-day convention, that is an inspiring spectacle.

It couldn't have happened a few years ago. At least it didn't happen. For farmers then had not learned the importance of organizing for the sake of looking after their best interests.

But since 1940 the Farm Bureau, an organization for farmers, has become a powerful force in North Carolina in particular and the nation in general. That was evident last week in Asheville when the 1947 annual meeting of the bureau was held.

Because Winston-Salem hotel facilities were inadequate to take care of the attendance, it had been necessary to transfer the convention to Asheville. Despite the fact that Asheville is in the far western part of the state and the further that winter is not a very desirable season to meet in mountainous Asheville, approximately 1,000 farmers went to that city and stayed through a three-day convention jammed full of speakers and discussion forums. From the eastern section of the State a solid train load of delegates went, while many others travelled by private car or bus.

### SEVERAL CASES

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Morris Richt, reckless operation, not prosessed.

A. C. Simmons, assault, continued to February 17th.

Leonard D. Horne, improper lights, capias issued.

George Henderson, possession, called and failed, capias.

William Kellum, drunk on highway, called and failed, capias.

John Gore, drunk on highway, fined \$5.00 and costs.

Blake Carlisle, no operator's license, fined \$10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

Davis S. Holden, improper lights, brakes, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Pat Hicks, vagrancy, 30 days in jail, suspended on condition that he leave Brunswick county within 24-hours and not be caught in said county in a period of two years.

Albert Johnson, reckless operation, drunk driving, damage to property, continued to February 17th.

### Southport Included On

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large airports will receive some preference in the program. The 1947 list, announced January 10, included only airports in the three smaller classes.

The projects on the list issued today are estimated to cost \$985,800,000, of which the Federal government's share would be \$441,600,000 and the local sponsors' share would be \$544,200,000.

Under the Federal Airport Act, which authorizes expenditure of \$500,000,000 in Federal funds over a seven-year period, Congress may appropriate as much as \$100,000,000 for use in one year. Sponsors would be required to put up slightly more.

Of the 4,431 projects suggested for construction or improvement in the next three years, 417 are large airports with paved runways at least 4,500 feet long, 3,850 are smaller airports and 164 are seaplane bases.

The CAA made no attempt to show the cost of individual projects.

### MURDER MAY HAVE

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A large wad of bills on his person earlier in the night.

Former Coroner John Caison, serving during the absence of Coroner W. T. Bell, was called to the scene. With a jury he viewed the body and pending further investigation by Rural Policeman Dillon Ganey, the Sheriff and his officers, the inquest was deferred until a later date. Mr. Caison said yesterday that he would hold the inquest as soon as the officers were ready with their report.

### COMPROMISE BILL

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ed with the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries that the tie should not be broken.

He cited specifically the forestry division and the division of commercial fisheries.

Mintz's measure reached the Senate on the eve of a public hearing of proponents of the Wildlife Federation's proposal to separate the game division completely from its parent.

In matters of local legislation during the past week the bill introduced by Mintz to amend the charter for the City of Southport passed the second and third reading in the Senate. Representative Odell Williamson's bill dealing with the Rural Police passed its second and third reading in the House and went to Senate Judiciary Committee No. 2.

### AUTO STRIPPED

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it was stripped and abandoned. It is probable the tires would also have been taken if the thieves had not decided that the car was too hot for more than a hurried handling.

### BOLIVIA FUTURE

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month of August. The three counties that were represented in the federation contest held in Whitville were Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick. The three high scoring teams

were Bolivia, Whiteville and Acme-Delco.

The members of the Bolivia team were: Wilbur Earl Earp, president; Travis Danford, vice-president; Wesley Caison, treasurer; Tom Rabon, secretary; J. M. King, adviser, and Louis E. Burris, reporter.

### PURCHASE LOT

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World War I, was on the development of the Legion, its progress and usefulness since it was organized following the first world war. He was introduced to the Legion and Auxiliary by Commander Mintz.

### REPORT MADE OF

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The cost of non-resident licenses were \$15.50 each, for state \$3.10 each, for county \$1.00. Some of the agents sold a number of non-resident and state licenses. In other cases most of the licenses were for county residents, with a few state.

### WORK BEGINS

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This will afford off-season work for a number of the Southport shrimp pickers for at least a short time each spring.

Delaware interests, planning to sow a large acreage in tomatoes for plants near Calabash, have not yet started operations. It is understood that 125-acres are to

be sown by these parties this year. County Agent Dodson stated yesterday that nothing had been heard yet regarding the time when they would start work.

### NEW ORGAN FOR

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Bragaw, Southport and Orton man and son of Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, of Southport. Captain Bragaw was killed in Italy.

At the presentation services the organ was covered with camellias, the favorite flower of Captain Bragaw. With Mrs. H. C. Corlette leading in the singing a splendid musical program was given with Mrs. D. J. Smith at the organ during the presentation ceremonies.

The presentation of the memorial was made by John G. Bragaw, uncle of Captain Bragaw and resident of Washington. The acceptance and dedication was by Rev. Richard L. Sturgis, rec-

tor of the church. The presentation by Mr. Bragaw was deemed impressive as was the sermon by the rector.

### MAULTSBY INVENTS

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curers, and with assistance he now devoting all of his time to selling and installing the device. Sixty of the curers were sold last week, according to Maultsby.

Of solid cast iron, a foundry necessary in the construction of the curers. Should the demand for his machines increase keeping with his expectations, he is planned to enter upon mass production in another year or two. Tobacco growers have examined the machine and been high in its praise.

The flavoring substance onion is an oil blend of other fats and oils in food.

### TRUCKS and TRAILERS FOR SALE

Two Case Industrial type tractors with dual wheels and Garwood winch on each.

One Dorsey Skidder.


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