

People Concerned Over Increasing Burden Of Taxes

And Are Showing More Interest Than Ever Before In Tax Rates And Expenses.

New Federal Taxes

Have Been Levied — Several Counties Are Cutting Expenses And Reducing Rates.

Not in recent years, if at all, have people been paying more attention to their taxes—national, state, municipal, and county—than this year, when the pinch of the tax is being felt the worst. Additional federal taxes have been levied in an effort to fill a depleted treasury and to provide for the huge expenditures of the national government.

States, counties, cities and other political organizations are looking about to find where they may save the taxpayers' money and at the same time keep all necessary governmental functions working properly.

Caring about tax and their relation to expenditures and taxpayers' ability to pay, The Courier clips these few items from the many that may be found in the state press from time to time.

\$1,298 Savings In Beaufort

Washington, N. C., Aug. 1.—With salary cuts and discontinuance of several county departments going into effect Monday, an estimated monthly saving to Beaufort county of \$1,298 will be instituted beginning with the month of August.

Those cut off entirely from the county roster include the county agent, the home demonstration agent, the full-time county health officer, and several vocational teachers.

Cuts in the salary of practically every county worker will be instituted, ranging from \$50 downward.

Quit Borrowing Money

The Sanford Herald quotes a representative of a northern concern that sends money as saying that he knows of only two North Carolina counties which did not borrow any money during the fiscal year 1931-32 and that he is one of them. It would be of interest to know the name of the other county.

(Note: Randolph county claims this distinction.)

Save Taxpayers' Expense

Burke is one of the counties that backs to the convention plan of nominating candidates. It named its tickets at a great gathering Saturday, and evidently finds that method more satisfactory than the primary system under which Robeson and most other counties of the state engage in an expensive battle every two years and which is getting more expensive and abrupt every year.—The Robesonian, Lumberton, N. C.

Cleveland's Rate Lowest

Cleveland county's tax rate has been cut 7 cents, bringing it down to 43 cents, which is considered likely to be the lowest county tax rate in the state, and Shelby, county seat of Cleveland, will get a reduction of 10 cents, bringing the rate for that town to \$1.05.

May Work Out Taxes

Swarthmore, Pa.—If you can't pay taxes here, you can work them out. Tax delinquents are offered jobs with sick and shovel on the school grounds, getting 40 cents an hour—which is turned over to the tax collector.

Additional Federal Taxes

A recent Associated Press dispatch from Washington gave an interesting insight into what the new revenue bill will mean to the wage earner.

A married business man with one child, having a net income of \$6,000, will pay an income tax to the Federal government of \$124 as against \$28.63 in the past. If he buys a \$600 automobile he will have to pay a new tax of \$18 plus 60 cents for taxes on tires, etc. If he uses 700 gallons of gasoline during the year and 30 gallons of lubricating oil, he will pay a tax of \$8.20, in addition to state gas and oil taxes. If his wife gets a \$200 car the tax will be \$20.

If he makes home brew he will pay about \$3 in taxes on malt. His wife's perfumes, powder, etc., will cost another \$3. If he buys a \$75 radio and pays \$100 for an electric refrigerator, the taxes will be \$3.75 and \$5, respectively. He will pay increased taxes on cameras, electricity, matches, the telephone and a hundred other commodities and services. If he spends \$2 a week for shows and movies, the Treasury will get \$10 from him by the end of the year.

His total direct taxes will be about \$210, as against about \$174 under the old rates—an increase of \$36.

It looks as if the new bill will fatten a depleted Treasury—but it's going to make a deep hole in the public pocketbook. And these taxes are only a beginning unless definite steps are taken to curb the expense of government, the cost of which increases like compound interest as the number of public employees grows.—General Matthew Rowan, in Carolina Watchman, Salisbury.

For More Plants

In late August and early September, buy the tips of black raspberries and dewberries with about two inches of soil, and you will secure a lot of nice plants for setting in a permanent plantation next spring.

Revival Meeting

Revival services will begin at 8 o'clock at the Christian church Sunday morning. These will be followed by a service at 10 o'clock on Monday.

Republican Nominee For Governor Launches Attack On State Expenses

Clifford Frazier, Greensboro attorney and Republican nominee for Governor, in an address delivered in the court house in Asheboro Saturday afternoon, launched an attack upon the alleged extravagance of the Democratic administration in North Carolina. Withal, he portrayed a gloomy picture of the economic plight of the state, and cited statements of Democratic officials to bolster up his arguments.

Mr. Frazier's speech was the feature of the Republican county convention, and was heard by an audience that filled every available seat in the court room and practically every foot of standing space. The convention, in addition to hearing Mr. Frazier's attack upon the state administration, heard several short impromptu speeches, and a dozen or more of nominating talks.

Following Mr. Frazier's speech, the convention proceeded to nominate a county ticket for the fall campaign. S. G. Richardson, of Seagrave, was nominated for Sheriff, winning out over T. A. Brookshire, of Randleman, and W. J. Moore, of Liberty.

A comparatively dark horse, John Hodgkin, Coleridge township farmer, was nominated for Register of Deeds, winning out over W. M. Coble, of Cedar Grove, T. A. Brown, of Brower, L. E. Rockett, of Level Cross, and probably others. Dr. A. N. Bulla was nominated for Coroner and Sam Barnes was chosen as his party's candidate for Surveyor.

J. Milt Burrow, former postmaster in Asheboro, was nominated for the lower house of the next General Assembly, while Joe Smith, Grant township farmer, was chosen to make the race for State Senate from the 12th Senatorial district.

For members of the board of county commissioners, the convention nominated A. T. Parks, of Union township, Tom Bingham, of Concord township, and Wes Frazier, of Columbia.

Mr. Frazier Speaks

J. Webb Meredith, of Trinity, acted as chairman of the convention, and the county chairman, W. L. Ward, introduced Oscar Wilson, of Archdale, boyhood friend of the Republican nominee for Governor, who made a short but effective introductory speech for Mr. Frazier.

Launching his attack upon the Democratic party, Mr. Frazier quoted from a message of Governor Gardner to the General Assembly in January, 1931, as follows:

"North Carolina now finds itself facing a 10-year period with its borrowing power dried up and with the requirements of raising \$40,000,000 annually for interest and principal payments. Instead of having \$1.50 to spend for every dollar levied in taxes, we now find our tax dollar yields only 60 cents for carrying on the ordinary business of government and that 46 cents must go for interest and repayment."

Maxwell Is Quoted

The nominee turned to a statement ascribed to Allen J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue, who was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor this year:

"The market value of our three principal crops of corn, cotton and tobacco in 1928 was \$214,000,000. In 1931, it is now estimated at \$109,000,000. Our total tax bill of \$102,000,000 is nearly equal to the combined market value of these three principal crops. It would take the entire crop of cotton produced in this state for four years to pay our tax bill for one year according to the present market price of that commodity. . . . Neither actually nor relatively, can we continue to meet the full measure of our present tax bill. It is not merely a question of inherent ability to maintain it. On relative grounds, it would be a disastrous state policy to discontinue the effort to do so. Our annual tax bill is a third greater than that of our next-door neighbor, Virginia, which has more wealth than North Carolina. To continue a tax

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

With sorrowing hearts, we, the members of Cedar Council, No. 210, Jr. O. U. A. M., record the passing of one of our oldest and most beloved members, brother William N. Bristow, whom God recently called from our midst to his eternal home. Uncle Billy, as most of us called him, was a charter member of this council, a loyal, faithful member, and a devoted Christian. He was a firm believer in the basic principles of our order and did all in his power to promote its interests. His patience during his extended illness was an inspiration to us all, and since he has been taken from our council and installed in the Supreme Council above, it is with sad hearts we sever our earthly bonds of fraternal fellowship, and although he is absent in the body, we believe he will be present in the spirit and help us to carry on for the great principles for which we stand.

Because of our great love and esteem for this our brother, we the members of Cedar Council, No. 210, Jr. O. U. A. M., do hereby resolve:

First: That we humbly bow in submission to God's will, and thank Him for the good influence of our brother.

Second: That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, commending them to Christ Jesus our Lord, who is ever ready to sustain the sorrowing, and whose strong and everlasting arms are always outstretched, ready to draw them to himself that he might console.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, that a copy be sent to the county and church papers for publication, and that a copy be spread upon the records of our council.

Approved and adopted by Cedar Council, No. 210, Jr. O. U. A. M. J. P. LAUGHLIN, C. E. JULIAN, Committee.

load so far out of line with neighboring and competing states will inevitably shackle our future." Mr. Frazier declared that about a decade ago "the leaders of the Democratic party in this state conceived the idea that North Carolina was an immensely rich state. "This false philosophy led to disastrous consequences," he said. They seemed possessed with the idea that prosperity was eternal. Like prodigal sons, they began a "spending era" that came to an unhappy conclusion when the credit of the state was exhausted," he continued. Those leaders, the speaker asserted, "began a program of spending that is without a parallel in the annals of North Carolina history. Never before has the state been so rapidly plunged into debt.

Refers to Bond Issues

"The report of the tax commission of North Carolina for 1930 discloses that beginning with 1921 and continuing through 1928 the state issued an average of \$22,500,000 annually in bonds. During the same period the combined local governments issued an average of \$30,000,000 in bonds annually. In short, the total long-term borrowing of the state for all units has been at the rate of \$50,000,000 per year. As of June 30, 1929, the bonded and non-bonded indebtedness of all local governments had reached the stupendous sum of \$375,604,601 and when interest payments are taken into consideration the complete retirement of the bonded debt of local governments will take from the taxpayers of North Carolina a total sum of \$618,856,979, of which about \$182,000,000 will fall due within the next six years. When to this huge obligation is added the state debt of \$176,164,600 it will be observed that North Carolina is indebted for all units a sum so great that the capacity of the state to pay will be taxed to the utmost."

Declaring that the "tax bill has reached an annual burden of approximately \$100,000,000," the Republican candidate for Governor maintained that it does not comport with ability to pay. "It has multiplied four times in 12 years," he said.

Stedman Statement Recalled State Treasurer J. P. Stedman's public statement of July 10 recommending "a curtailment in government cost for 1932-33 of \$7,000,000" was significantly recalled. "The cost of running the government of North Carolina," it was stated, "is approximately \$50,000,000 annually, of which debt service absorbs approximately \$15,000,000; public schools \$17,000,000; highways \$14,000,000, and departments and institutions \$5,000,000. Mr. Stedman concludes by saying, 'the idea of drastic economy is no longer a theory but a fact.' This fact has been brought about by the New York syndicate of banks which demands that North Carolina put her economic house in order, and in the meantime the state is required to pay six per cent for its short-term loans.

"The leaders of the Democratic party have failed to meet the issue, but for political expediency deferred the matter until after the election, perhaps fearing that the teachers of the state might be affected politically if their salaries were again reduced.

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"The total wealth of the state as of 1930 was about \$4,700,000,000. In short, we stand approximately seventh from the bottom of the list in wealth, whereas in per capita debt we stand first. The per capita debt of a family of five is equal to approximately \$915.

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Parents Witness The Swimming Tests At Dogwood Lake, 30th

Twenty-One Children Successfully Passed The Beginners Test For Swimmers.

A large crowd of parents and friends gathered at Dogwood Lake Saturday morning to witness the swimming tests of the classes conducted by James Harrington, Red Cross Instructor.

Twenty-one children successfully passed the Beginner's Test—Jump into water over depth, swim 25 ft., turn and return 25 feet. They were awarded Red Cross Beginner Buttons.

Bill Cross, Herbert Edwards and Max Cranford having completed "The Swimmers" course were also awarded Red Cross Swimmer Buttons.

Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, Red Cross Field Director was present and spoke in complimentary terms of the splendid work being done. The local chapter was represented by Mrs. Russell Parks, Act Chairman.

Miss Dorothy Cranford delighted the audience with a demonstration of swimming in six different strokes.

Any of the class not present last Saturday desiring to take the test and receive award may do so by arranging a time with their instructor. The following were enrolled in the classes, the first seven made per-

fect attendance: Binford Bulla, John McGlohon, Charles Bush, Wallace Black, Dorothy Cranford, Charles Cagle, Bill Green, Hal Smith, Wayne Spivey, Henry Page, Boyd Hamilton, Herbert Richardson, Billy Moore, Curtis Robins, Lorraine Royals, Dorothy Hicks, Hazel Morgan, Frances Rush, Millicent Brittain, Jessamine Vestal, Mildred Cox, Mary Cox, Margaret Robins.

David Stedman, Ann Harrison Ridge, Frances Ridge, Hiatt Morgan, Ben Sanford, Robert Johnson, Leroy Hancock, R. E. Mabe, Katherine Kearns, Patricia Bunch, Sam Black, Alice Birkhead, Fred Henley, Alfred Henley, Joe Henley, Billy Loflin, L. B. Strayhorn, Walter Bunch, John Bunch, Clifton Brown, Mary Rollins, L. D. Burkhead.

Helen Brown, Arthur Presnell, Ann Lowallen, Lucile Cox, Hazel Bean, Bill Cross, Herbert Edwards, Max Cranford.

SOPHIA, ROUTE 1, NEWS

Sophia, Rt. 1, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Mollie Davis Haman died at her home in Archdale last week. She was the daughter of the late Nathan Davis, of this community.

David Davis, who is a patient at the Randolph Hospital, Inc., Asheboro, is slowly improving.

157 were present for Sunday school at Marlboro last Sunday. Rev. Thos. Hendricks, the pastor, preached his farewell sermon at 11 o'clock.

Wesley Cox, of Lynchburg, Va., recently visited his father, J. M. Cox. J. N. and J. C. Newlin and Avery and Cohen Davis attended the Fields reunion at Bethlehem church Thursday.

Wash crab-apples, remove cores and any defective spots, but do not pare. Cut apples into small pieces or run through a food chopper. Place apples, which have been cut into small pieces, or run through a food chopper, in a preserving kettle with water to cover. Boil for 10 minutes. Measure the pulp and add 3/4 as much sugar as pulp. Cook the mixture until it is clear, and has a jelly-like consistency. Seal in hot jars.

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