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Beaufort ought to spend a good sized sum this year in up the state advertising. The time to do this is in the months of May and June. Such an expenditure would keep the town filled with visitors all Summer and of course bring in a substantial amount of cash as well as give the town some much needed publicity.

They are going to spend seven hundred thousand dollars to build a lake in the Chimney Rock section. Down here we have enough water for ten thousand lakes and it didn't cost a cent. The difference is that they will make a big fuss about their little lake and we have nothing to say about our big one. If you have something to sell the way to do it is to advertise it.

Australia undertook to operate ships as a governmental enterprise and like the United States has lost a good deal of money, some fifty millions so it is said. The Australians have got enough of this expensive venture and are going to drop it. There were some people last year who were anxious to have North Carolina try her hand in the ship business but fortunately good sense prevailed. We assume there are few people now who regret the defeat of the port and ship law.

MCADOO VS SMITH.

The Charlotte Observer, one of the staunchest Democratic newspapers in the State, says that if the McAdoo-Smith contest is renewed and that if either of them should head the Democratic ticket in 1928 that the result would be the complete extinction of the Democratic party. The Observer thinks that both McAdoo and Smith should be relegated to the rear in the interest of the party. The trouble about this proposed arrangement though is that neither Smith nor McAdoo is the type that can be relegated very well. They are both strong, forceful characters and have no objection at all to a fight. They are Irish extraction and if they didn't love a fight they would not be living up to their racial instincts. If the two gentlemen are alive in 1928 it is a safe prediction that they will take a very active part in the selection of the Democratic nominees.

LOWER TAXES.

Chairman Gredn of the House Ways Means committee is quoted as having said recently that the next Congress would make another reduction in Federal taxes. Coming at a time when many of the states, counties and towns are advancing their rates this news will be very pleasing to the taxpayers. Of course there are many people who do not pay any income taxes but there are hundreds of thousands who do and they are the ones who are carrying on most of the business of the country.

The surplus in the treasury at the end of June will be around a hundred millions so it is said and by the end of June 1926 it is expected to go over three hundred millions. As Federal expenditures have been greatly reduced and as the surplus in the treasury is steadily increasing there seems to be no good reason why taxes should not be reduced. The money saved to corporations and business people by tax reduction will be invested in business enterprises most likely and this means more employ-

ment and better times for all. The theory that the people who are engaged in some sort of business ought to be taxed to the limit is socialistic and foolish. Laws that cripple legitimate business enterprises ultimately hurt the wage earner. Extremely high taxes are confiscatory and discouraging to those who have money to invest. Reducing the Federal tax rates will help business men and everybody else.

BEAUFORT'S OPPORTUNITY.

If the advantages which nature has given Beaufort were augmented by those that man ought to furnish there is no disputing the fact that this town would grow very rapidly. The most practical plan to build up the town is to develop it as a Summer and Winter resort. This means that we must have plenty of hotels, apartment houses and boarding houses. Theaters and shops of various sorts would naturally come with the crowds of visitors. Front street would be almost entirely filled up with places of entertainment, amusement and stores. The permanent residents of the town would live on the other streets. Fish houses and machine shops ought to be located near the railroad freight station and on the north side of town.

There is not a particle of reason why Beaufort should not grow into a famous resort town. Wrightsville Beach has far more visitors than we do and yet we have more natural advantages. They have improved what advantages they have and Beaufort has neglected hers. The Pinehurst climate is not as good as Beaufort's and yet we find that a big Winter resort has been developed there. All through the western part of the State they are creating resort centers and while of course the mountains are attractive they are not any more so than the sea coast. Up there they are spending thousands of dollars creating artificial lakes. Down here nature has provided hundreds of miles of beautiful inland waterways and the Atlantic ocean rolls in the sight of our front doors. Bathing, bating, cooling breezes and delicious sea foods all invite visitors to come here. Places of entertainment and publicity are what are needed now more than any thing else. We ought not to keep our attractiveness a secret; we should tell the world about it. We have assets that are capable of being converted into cash but in order to do so we must advertise them. A thousand dollars spent in the month of April and May would bring thousands here in June, July and August. A little money spent for advertising in the Fall months would bring enough visitors to fill our hotels all Winter.

Indications point to the fact that Beaufort will have more than the usual number of visitors here this Summer. The main reason for this is that the gaps in route 10 between the coast and the mountains are being filled in one by one. It is said that the Fort Barnwell link will be completed by the middle of June. This will leave only the stretch between Beaufort and Croatan unpaved as far as Goldsboro. Unless it is a wet Summer motorists will have no difficulty in coming this way. At present the road from Beaufort to New Bern is in good condition and the journey can be made in an hour and half without any trouble. The ferry will help a good deal this Summer and so in one way or another it seems that we will have a good many visitors, not more than one tenth of what we ought to have though and could have if we made the necessary effort to get them.

MR. DICKINSON WRITES AGAIN.

Editor of The News:
I have come again if you will allow me space in your paper. I see other letters in the paper hitting on the right thing. I have come to the conclusion that we are living under a king and that we have to do things that we don't want to do and can't help ourselves. Ruled by a few men and some times only one. Is there no redress for us?
I hope that the honorable Board of commissioners will consider the bonds and let it come to a vote of the people and not let one man be

king. The poor farmer has lived on hope about as long as he can. There has been a time when the farmer had free range. If he failed in his crop he could have a beef to sell or a hog. Now come the stock law and the poor farmer had to get clear of his stock at a sacrifice was not satisfied at this, sends the dipping vats on the rest thinking that it would get the rest of the stock all for the rich man and against the poor man. Now the dipping season is here and the people were dipping their cattle in reasonable good terms, then comes a man and says you must dip all your work teams. Then if you jump your cow, horse or mule in the vat and cripple or kill them you are just out, no redress for you, compell you to do this. May I ask the question is it right. The answer comes no. If this be correct then we are under a king. See my dear friends where the farmers are dipping fourteen days in a year in the busy season when he has no time to lose. Ticks were here nineteen hundred years ago and will be here as long as the world stands. There are enough wild animals in our county to keep ticks here. Run the county to an expense to what a few men shall say I again will say we are under a king. Is there no redress?
Friends it is time to wake up. We can be led a long ways but when men are driven that brings on more talk. They have been driven about as long as they can be driven. The next thing is war. We pay our taxes on what we have and then every year they put our nose closer to the grind stone. This world cannot stand much longer Bible and History is repeating itself fast.

RAYMOND DICKINSON,
Beaufort, N. C., R. F. D.

APPROVES IMPROVEMENTS.

Editor Beaufort News:
I note with interest the letters you receive from opponents of improvements in the county. I assume they are opposed to the improvements, as it cannot be expected that they will be provided without cost. The only way indicated for payment is by taxation. Unfortunately many persons can hold a penny so close to their eyes that they cannot see the dollar within their reach. Frugality, thrift, economy and prudence are virtues, but nearly every one calls penuriousness a vice. There is an old saying "Penny wise, pound foolish" the pound being English money, in the adage an English one. No one dislikes debt more than I do, but debts can well be undertaken for a good cause. Our Liberty Bond issues were debts created for the safety of the country. While much of the money was doubtless not well spent, and even wasted, what would have been done to anyone who talked against them because we already had U. S. bonds outstanding—because it would raise the tax rate? The money had to be raised, bonds had to be issued, the taxes had to be increased. There was no other way. Money had to be raised to put down the improved streets in Morehead City and Beaufort. Bonds had to be issued, which will have to be paid. It will cost more to live in Beaufort and Morehead but how many residents will say it is not worth more? How much will be saved to the residents in cleanliness in the house, less wear and tear on clothes and vehicles, in time saved? What is it worth in increased convenience and social intercourse? How much more is property improved in selling value? How much more business comes to the town when it looks nice?

The benefits of improvement are not confined to the cities and towns. Last year Charles Russell told me at Swansboro that his strawberry crop was a total loss because the roads were so bad that he could not get them to market. I said to Mr. Russell that he had paid for his share of the cost of a good road but he did not have anything to show for it. In other words the loss on one crop of strawberries was more than Mr. Russell's share would have been for a good road from Swansboro to the railroad, and he would have the road for other years and other purposes. The cost of a good road is saved in many ways, in time, in costs of transportation, in convenience, in improved real estate values.

It is not to be presumed that every one is wrong who is in favor of improvements, even if taxes must be raised. It has been noted that large rivers all run past large cities, and it has been also noted that taxes are high in places that people seem desirous of living in—very often the higher the tax the more people seem to want to live there. We have high taxes in Philadelphia. I pay almost \$500 per year city taxes on an 8 room house on a corner lot 40 x 115 ft. If I want good streets, schools, police protection, light and water, and all that goes up to make up the expense of making this a good place to live in, I have to pay for it.

Many good citizens of Carteret county have learned that it is a good place to live in, that it has attractions for outsiders who may go further and fare not so well, and they have proposed to improve the county and make it accessible, so that it will grow and be a better place to live in, and by increasing the rates provide a larger number to share the cost. Good roads are necessary in the program. I myself am prepared to undertake a very important improvement which will mean much to Carteret County and Eastern North Carolina when I can be assured that my investment will not be tied up by lack of suitable communications, and there will be many others to follow. I have advocated for years a good road the whole coast length of Carteret County. I believe that a good road is needed in the western part of the county, where I understand little of the county's money has been spent in the past, and that little practically wasted on ineffectual efforts on bad roads, not to make good roads. I believe a bridge should be built between Morehead City and Beaufort. If as part of a State Highway, all the better. The bridge will bring business to both towns. It has always had this result in other places; why not there?

At a time when all the rest of North Carolina is making up to its possibilities, why should Carteret County stay asleep?
Very truly yours,
HENRY K. FCRT.
Philadelphia, Mar. 30 1925.

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BOND ISSUE WILL INCREASE TAXES

Bear in mind that while the legislature has given the commissioners (servants of the people) the people are the sovereigns!
"The will of the people is the best law."—U. S. Grant.
"The people are the only sovereigns of any country"—R. D. Owen.
"No party should fear to go before the people for their decisions"—R. Yates.
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