

CITY TAX RATE WILL BE HIGHER

It Will be Fixed When Final Assessment Figures Are Given.

The city tax rate for 1921-22 will be fixed in a few days, or just as soon as the county authorities turn over to the city commissioners a certified copy of the city's property assessments for this year.

It can not be stated, of course, with any degree of accuracy what the new rate will be, but it will be much higher than that now obtaining, according to responsible city officials. The present rate is 55 cents on the \$100 worth of property. It would not be surprising if the new rate will not necessarily be as much as 80 or 85 cents in order to give the city an income in some degree commensurate with what it is now.

The tax levy now obtaining was fixed upon a valuation of \$93,000,000. Since that time a decrease of 25 per cent has been ordered which will bring the assessable property in the city down to about \$70,000,000. The income from the 55 cent rate on the \$93,000,000 assessment was approximately \$514,000. In order to get such an income on the reduced assessment of about \$70,000,000, it will be necessary to have a tax rate much higher than that prevailing at present.

Under the law the city can not order a tax levy that will produce greater than 10 per cent of the income as of 1919, under the terms of the act which brought about the 1920 revaluation.

It was to overcome the restrictions of this clause that the cities of the State petitioned the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature to the end that it might be adjusted. This

fact that the Legislature will not meet until December has, therefore, made it necessary for the cities of the State to make out their budgets without resorting to the methods of relief which have met.

The cities, necessarily, it is explained by local administration officials, are feeling cramped at this time by reason of the fact that they are being held within these legal bounds in making their levies and producing their incomes.

BAPTISTS TO MEET AT COUNTRY CHURCH

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association will meet with the Pleasant Plains Baptist church at 10 o'clock next Tuesday, September 13. The church is four miles from Matthews, on the Monroe road, and stands near the county line. The association is now composed of 33 churches, including the West Oaks church, of Charlotte, which has been organized this year, and will be properly admitted as a member of the body at this session. These churches have a total of about 8,000 members, and 32 of them are located in the counties of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus. One church, Rockwell, is located just across the line in Iredell county. The total contributions, for all objects, reported to the last session of the association were \$125,135.88. The total figures are not in hand for the present year, but some of the churches will report contributions very considerably in advance of last year.

The annual sermon, at the coming session will be preached by Rev. F. A. Hicks, or his alternate, Rev. G. W. Rollins, Hon. T. D. Maness, of Concord, is the moderate, and Rev. R. D. Carroll, of Charlotte, is the clerk.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND WOUNDS AN ATTORNEY

Boston, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Ella Wells was shot and killed and A. Louis Altmyer, a lawyer, was seriously wounded in a street car in the West Roxbury district today. Charles A. Wells, who was divorced by his wife within a day or two, was arrested on the car, charged with the shooting.

Passengers said that Wells, sitting two seats behind his former wife and her lawyer, drew a pistol, rested it on the shoulder of a young woman on the seat between them, then fired five shots. Mrs. Wells was killed instantly.

CONTRACT TO LOCAL CONCERN

The Goodie Construction Company of this city has been awarded contract for erecting the new hotel which citizens of Morganton have formed a company to build. The hotel will be modern in every particular, constructed of red tapestry brick and contain 60 rooms. The local contracting company plans to begin work within 30 days on the project.



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COLORED TEAMS TO PLAY.

The Royal Giants of Asheville and the Pond Giants of Winston-Salem are scheduled to play three games at Wear Field, beginning Monday. A one-armed pitcher is slated to twirl in one of the games for the Asheville team. A reserved section of the stand will be available for white patrons.

NIGHT SCHOOLS EAGERLY SOUGHT

Miss Matthews Has Requests from Many Communities for Assistance.

One unexpected and rather singular result of the strike among textile employes here, which has now come to a close, is a surprising increase of interest in education, according to several people who are familiar with life in the mill villages and who study these committees with sympathetic interest. Finding themselves for some weeks the central figures in news about the city, they have developed an interest in what is reported daily in the papers and are eager to read the papers themselves or know their contents.

One of the direct evidences of interest in education is a request for additional night schools to be conducted in the mill villages. Miss Mary Matthews, superintendent of night schools in Mecklenburg county, who has superintended night schools in several mill villages during the past two winters, is being eagerly besought to open other schools. Many mill operatives who have left or who will leave the mills they have been working in to take up work in other mills have asked Miss Matthews to open the night schools as soon as possible in the mills to which they are going.

So successful have the night schools proven that many adults who could not read or write when they first began study several months ago can now not only read well but have even mastered writing well enough to compose intelligible and interesting letters.

"If anybody things they are lacking in mental alertness in the mill settlements around here they are much mistaken," Miss Matthews said. "The people there may have lacked advantages of education but in many cases they have minds of extraordinary vigor. I have in mind one mother of a family, a woman past middle life, who has learned both to read and write well in a few months. I hope shortly to arrange a display of work done by these people showing how rapidly they learn and how they will make with the proper education."

One man I am acquainted with, a very high type of man in every respect, told me he could be making \$8,000 a year if he had only had the opportunity of a common school education. It is a real pleasure and an inspiration to go among these people, observe their staid character and their innate possibilities. They are of the best Anglo-Saxon stock and their education is a matter of importance to the state and community."

HEART AND HOME PROBLEMS

Dear Mrs. Thompson I am a middle-aged widower with two school boys. I own my own home and am a good provider for the right woman. I have had several housekeepers, but I wasn't lucky enough to get one permanently.

Now I have one whom I am positively sure I can get to be my wife after she gets her divorce. Her children object. What do you think I ought to do? Marry anyway or wait longer? I think a lot of this lady and she says she is fond of me. LONE SPARROW.

You have not told enough of the circumstances of your case. If you are the cause of divorce between the woman and her husband, it would be wrong to take her as your wife. But if her husband was cruel to her and she was forced to leave him and do housework, I think divorce would be justifiable.

I would advise you to make more of her children and delay marriage until the children have learned to like you and favor the marriage. Marriage may bring about very unhappy conditions. Of course the woman will expect you to

do as much for her children as you do for your own, and your own are apt to resent such a condition. Consider the matter very carefully before you take the step.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl eighteen years old and go with a man of twenty-five who has a promising career as a lawyer. My folks say he is too old for me. He says he loves me, and I love him dearly. He wishes me to elope with him. Shall I stay home or go with my heart's desire?

I have finished high school and my folks want me to attend college. Please advise me. FAIR ONE.

I would not advise an elopement. If your love is real it will last. Ask the young man to wait a year and see how you feel at the end of that time. A year at college will do you a world of good and will be something that you will never regret.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of eighteen. Last fall about this time a sailor got my address somewhere. I don't know where he got it, but he told me to get a girl friend gave it to him and I don't know who she could be. Anyhow, I wrote to him, and he was lonesome to write to some girl.

I wrote to this young man until April and then I did not hear from him until last Saturday. I received a card from him saying he was home now and would like very much to have me write to him still.

I do not know whether to write to him or not, as I am writing to two other sailor boys and I think to write to him would be too many.

This boy does not write very good letters and they are love letters asking me to come to California. He says he would meet me there and then get married. He says he loves me and has never seen me? He has several of my pictures and I have several of his. If I don't write to him, should I send him back his pictures and ask for mine? BLUE EYES.

You should not have written to the young man when he refused to tell you who gave him your address. But since you did write, your question concerns a different matter.

I would advise you to drop the correspondence. His love, since he has not seen and talked to you does not amount to much. It is altogether too bold to ask you to go to California with the prospect of marrying him. I doubt if he would carry out his promise. Send back his pictures and ask him to return yours.

FIRST-AID ADVICE GIVEN TO FIREMEN

A first-aid room, fully equipped, will be fitted up at the city hall for use by Charlotte firemen and policemen.

Following a three weeks' course in first-aid to be given by Dr. R. M. Kimbrough, city clinician, every member of these two departments is expected to be able to render first-aid treatment to an injured person.

Dr. Kimbrough will undertake the instruction of classes upon recommendation of Mayor Walker, who believes that every fireman and policeman should have knowledge of methods of rendering assistance to persons who have been injured.

Two first-aid kits have been ordered by the city for assignment to the police and fire departments. These are expected to arrive within the next two or three days. As soon as they are received, Dr. Kimbrough will organize his classes and begin instruction in first-aid.

An operating table, bandages, needles, and all other necessary equipment will be stationed in the first-aid room, together with knives and operating equipment for use by physicians in handling emergency cases which frequently are brought into police headquarters. Hardly a week passes but someone who has been injured or wounded is brought to police station. It has been customary to call in a physician to render first-aid after which the patient is removed to a hospital.

Three or four first-aid classes will be held daily under the direction of Dr. Kimbrough. Three weeks will be necessary to complete the courses, and the physician plans to impart sufficient knowledge of medical work to policemen and firemen to enable them to render assistance to any person in need of immediate attention before being removed to a hospital.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Purchase of Tom Phillips, premier pitcher of the Southern Association, from the New Orleans club of that league, was announced today by President Griffith, of the Washington Americans. Phillips, who has won 25 and lost 6 games for the New Orleans club this season, will report Monday to the Washington club.

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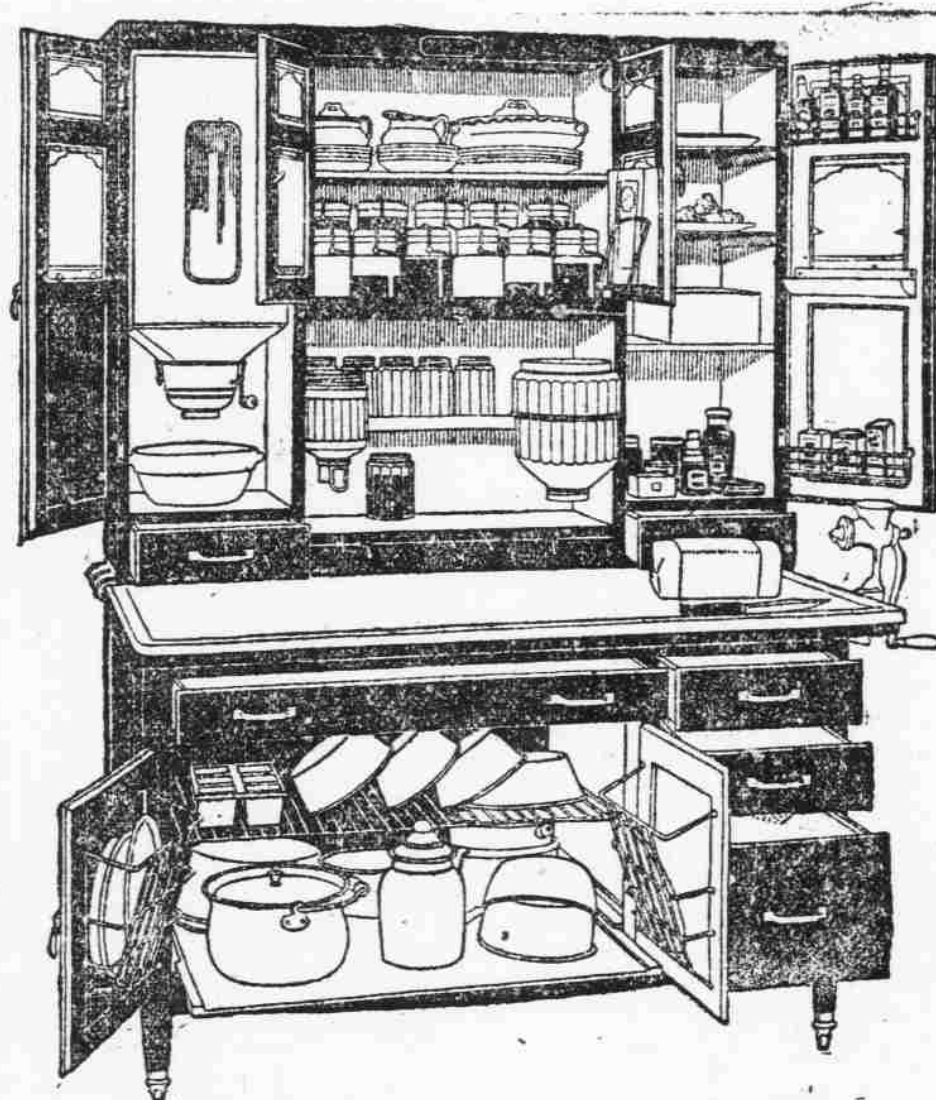
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