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VALUE OF AUTOMOBILES IN STOKES NEARLY 4 TIMES THAT OF SCHOOLS

Public School Property In North Carolina Is Worth Only About One-Fourth As Much As the Automobiles In the State.

The following table, prepared by Edgar F. Thompson of the State University, showing investments in public and high schools and in automobiles in North Carolina, makes interesting reading.

The average motor car is reckoned as representing an investment of \$800.

On this basis, the total invested in public elementary and high-school properties was \$60,514,000; in automobiles \$240,797,000 or nearly four times as much.

County	Autos	School Prop.
Alamance	\$3,740,800	\$ 746,840
Alexander	920,800	182,850
Alleghany	392,000	110,500
Anson	2,135,200	370,260
Ashe	626,400	248,000
Avery	267,200	178,200
Beaufort	2,369,600	639,850
Bertie	2,292,000	340,500
Bladen	999,200	322,980
Brunswick	607,200	103,745
Buncombe	7,462,400	2,591,400
Burke	1,684,800	382,000
Cabarrus	3,388,800	986,215
Caldwell	1,567,200	527,650
Camden	431,200	81,000
Carteret	568,000	451,900
Caswell	1,332,000	149,330
Catawba	3,623,200	827,700
Chatham	2,096,000	330,000
Cherokee	490,400	209,750
Chowan	979,200	160,000
Clay	141,600	61,000
Cleveland	3,936,800	640,000
Columbus	1,449,600	346,875
Craven	2,232,800	721,200
Cumberland	3,740,800	931,000
Currituck	626,400	250,000
Dare	107,200	51,200
Davidson	4,759,200	940,560
Davie	1,195,200	282,010
Duplin	2,193,600	697,850
Durham	4,642,400	1,710,465
Edgecombe	4,250,400	581,000
Forsyth	9,989,600	2,330,870
Franklin	1,997,600	410,700
Gaston	6,228,800	2,663,700
Gates	842,400	129,650
Graham	60,000	69,490
Granville	2,396,000	623,000
Greene	1,351,200	269,995
Guilford	14,220,000	3,960,200
Halifax	3,760,000	1,180,390
Harnett	2,703,200	600,000
Haywood	1,468,800	456,700
Henderson	1,762,400	404,175
Hertford	1,449,600	258,650
Hoke	1,077,600	143,875
Hyde	263,200	110,170
Iredell	4,230,400	1,253,800
Jackson	568,000	264,500
Johnston	5,190,400	1,242,440
Jones	450,400	250,000
Lee	1,449,600	206,000
Lenoir	2,800,800	301,335
Lincoln	2,193,600	425,800
McDowell	920,800	187,680
Macon	392,000	221,000
Madison	783,200	311,965
Martin	1,429,600	744,305
Mecklenburg	11,772,000	2,167,840
Mitchell	282,400	82,000
Montgomery	1,528,000	591,900
Moore	2,742,400	560,195
Nash	4,328,800	1,123,650
New Hanover	3,721,600	1,144,785
Northampton	1,900,000	367,450
Onslow	744,000	184,895
Orange	1,724,000	396,000
Pamlico	450,400	341,875
Pasquotank	1,704,000	583,000
Pender	763,200	82,000
Perquimans	881,600	105,000
Person	1,371,200	230,700
Pitt	4,524,800	900,305
Polk	626,400	196,400
Randolph	3,388,800	509,385
Richmond	2,840,000	787,500
Robeson	3,936,800	1,134,455
Rockingham	4,524,800	1,010,200
Rowan	6,091,200	1,091,175
Rutherford	2,742,400	464,900
Sampson	3,016,000	369,000
Scotland	1,508,000	490,625
Stanly	2,266,400	490,000
Stokes	1,997,600	276,010
Surry	2,683,200	350,240
Swain	328,000	*98,000
Transylvania	588,000	247,435
Tyrell	277,600	85,600
Union	3,329,600	702,520
Vance	1,724,000	435,900
Wake	8,912,000	1,805,700
Warren	1,390,400	491,815
Washington	862,400	439,550
Watauga	549,600	200,700
Wayne	4,191,200	864,000
Wilkes	1,567,200	360,285
Wilson	4,700,800	1,375,380
Yadkin	1,410,400	163,000
Yancey	208,800	131,000

NEAR 33 MILLION POUNDS THUS FAR

Tobacco Growers This Season Paid Seven and One-Half Million Dollars.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 31.—Last week on the local tobacco market, a total of 4,918,754 pounds of tobacco were sold, for \$921,645.10, showing an average sale of \$18.73 per hundred. This was considered a good price considering the class of tobacco that has been seen on the market. The total sales have now reached 32,839,970 pounds, for which has been paid \$7,434,408.72, or an average of \$22.98 per hundred for the 1924 crop. This is considered a mighty good figure, and while it is expected that this year the crop will fall short of that of last year in the matter of pounds, the amount of money paid for it will be about the same as that paid out last year.

Several more good sales are expected and those watching the progress of the market are confidently expecting to sell from three to four million more pounds before the season closes, bringing the total up to thirty-six or thirty-seven million pounds.

King News Items

King, Feb. 2.—The Parent-Teachers' association will hold a social at the high school building at 7:30 o'clock. They will also have a speaker to address them on consolidation. The school at this place is getting along fine and the folks are beginning to want consolidation.

Mr. Shackelford, one of the high school teachers, is confined to his room with grippe. Roger Kiser is teaching until he is able to take the work.

Rev. E. A. Holten filled his regular appointment on the first Sunday of February. The services are held in the Junior Hall and the people are greatly encouraged with the Moravian work at King. The Union Sunday School organized the first Sunday in January is getting along nicely and have 102 on roll. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The Ladies Aid of the Moravian circle is planning to have a miscellaneous sale on Saturday before Easter. Mrs. H. H. Leak will entertain the society February 5th at half-past 2 o'clock.

SPENCER YOUTH PREPARES BILL

Measure Would Abolish Capital Punishment in North Carolina.

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—A 17-year-old boy of Spencer, named Ralph G. Simerson, was the author of the bill introduced in the house of representatives today to abolish capital punishment and substitute life imprisonment therefor.

Young Simerson is a page in the lower body of the legislature and he claims to be the youngest politician in this state, if not the country. Although the time when he can vote is four years off, this youth has already taken active part in political campaigning. He made stump speeches last fall for Robert M. LaFollette. He recently was elected president of the Employed Boys' association.

When Senator Wade, of New Hanover, introduced the capital punishment bill he announced that he did so "on request," which left him the privilege of voting on it as he pleased. However, he said later he would not oppose it.

A statement shortly after introduction of the bill that a page had drafted it was discredited; but later Senator Wade confirmed this, and said that Simerson was that page.

Simerson is as proud of his bill as any boy is of his best pet, and those who know him agree that the prisoners in death row at state's prison haven't a better friend in North Carolina.

STOKES COURT JURORS DRAWN

Spring Session Begins Monday, March 30 — Judge McElroy Will Preside.

The jurors for the coming spring term of Stokes Superior court were drawn Monday by the Board of County Commissioners. The criminal term of court begins Monday, March 30th, the civil term starting the following Monday. Judge McElroy will preside over the court.

The names of the jurors follow:

- First Week.**
- Danbury Township.**
J. B. Priddy.
- Meadows Township.**
P. G. Hall.
Bud Heath.
T. S. Terry.
W. C. Heath.
- Yadkin Township.**
J. D. Culler.
C. E. Newsom.
Ed. White.
Jasper A. Slate.
C. E. Moore.
C. A. White.
J. H. Hauser.
- Sauratown Township.**
T. J. Greene.
O. F. Young.
J. L. Coleman.
- Quaker Gap Township.**
A. Jack Brown.
Harden Hall.
W. W. George.
D. J. Mabe.
G. P. Durham.
J. W. Durham.
R. E. Hunter.
- Big Creek Township.**
Reid E. Smith.
William F. Collins.

- Second Week.**
- Danbury Township.**
F. E. Lanford.
- Meadows Township.**
J. E. Mitchell.
W. M. Smith.
E. P. Fowler.
D. Alex White.
O. M. Flynt.
- Yadkin Township.**
R. W. Barr.
R. S. Redding.
Charlie Cole.
T. F. Calloway.
J. B. Eaton.
E. W. Boles.
- Sauratown Township.**
Zack Isom.
Roy L. Vaughn.
O. J. Stone.
- Quaker Gap Township.**
J. L. Thore.
J. T. George.
Sandy Forrest.
J. A. Nunn.
- Big Creek Township.**
J. R. Holt.
- Snow Creek Township.**
H. L. Dillon.
Coy Mabe.
- Beaver Island Township.**
J. M. Fagg.
Jesse F. Joyce.

HOME BURNED NEAR KING

Death of John Kreeger — Boy Breaks Collar Bone — News and Personals.

King, Feb. 2.—Mr. John Kreeger, aged eighty-one years, died at his home three miles south of here early Saturday morning from a complication of diseases. The interment was conducted from Antioch church, of which he had long been a faithful member, Sunday at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. Kreeger was one of our oldest and best citizens. He was a brick mason by trade and had a wide acquaintance.

"Thunderbolt Tom," the evangelist of this place, has rented out his nice home on South Depot Street and will move his family to Winston-Salem where he expects to make his future home.

Mr. Dan Stewart, who resides 3 miles north of town, had the misfortune to lose his home by fire the past week. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Little Johnny, the eleven year old son of Mrs. Anne Grady, who resides on Pulliam Street, got his collar bone broken by falling on the ice here last week. He is getting on nicely at this writing.

Mr. C. O. Boyles, Manager of The Boyles Co., whose pre-inventory sale closed Saturday night, states that it was decidedly the best sale the company has ever had.

Messrs. E. P. Newsom and S. W. Pulliam are attending federal court again this week, being witnesses in the Bailey Bros. suit.

Work on the new addition to Mr. Wyatt Southern's home on Pulliam Street is being pushed along at a rapid rate.

Captain C. J. Kirby, who holds a position with The Southern Railway Co., spent Sunday with his family in Walnut Hills.

Little Thelma Newsom spent the week end with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Newsom, in Walnut Hills.

Mr. A. N. Jones and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Confederate Pension Bill With Committee

A bill to increase the pensions of Confederate veterans and widows of veterans has been introduced into the upper house of the state legislature by Senator Burleson, and it has been referred to the committee on pensions.

The bill provides "That from and after the ratification of this act all Confederate soldiers and sailors and and sailors who were married prior to January 1, 1884, shall receive from the public treasury of North Carolina the sum of \$365 a year, payable quarterly on the first day of January, April June and October of each year.

Charlie M. Brown, division commander of the North Carolina Sons of Confederate Veterans, is active in the support of this proposed measure. He urges those interested to write to the members of the state legislature asking them to support the bill.

Stokes Registrars Of Vital Statistics

The Stokes Board of County Commissioners have appointed the following registrars of vital statistics for the county:

Beaver Island Township—L. A. Duncan, Madison R. J.

Big Creek—Joe Francis, Francisco. Danbury—H. M. Joyce, Danbury. Meadows—J. Walter Fowler, Walnut Cove R. 1.

Peters Creek—Roy M. Nelson, Danbury R. 1.

Quaker Gap—Mrs. Rilla Marshall, Westfield R. 1.

Sauratown—R. W. Sands, Walnut Cove.

Snow Creek—A. B. Carter, Sandy Ridge.

Yadkin—E. C. Barr, King.

Gas Tank Explodes In Martinsville; 2 Dead

Martinsville, Va., Jan. 28.—William R. Stultz, colored, proprietor of a city pressing club and Daniel Hairston, an employee, were instantly killed at 10 o'clock this morning when a gas tank exploded. They were in the act of removing the tank to a new location when the explosion occurred. Both of the victims leave families.

Don't let the chicks have the handicap of hot weather, parasites and other troubles. Hatch them early so that they can grow when conditions are most favorable, suggest poultry extension workers of State College.

EVERETT SAYS STATE CAN TAKE CARE OF \$35,000,000

Will Take \$10,000,000 Annually to Finance the \$100,000,000 Total, Provide Sinking Fund and Retire \$1,000,000 a Year, But He Believes That With the 4c Rate On Gas This Can Be Handled; Letter Created Quite a Sensation In Capital.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Representative Tam Bowie, who leads the \$35,000,000 road fight, deferred to Governor McLean yesterday in the executive's request that no committee action on this bond issue precede his message to the joint session, but the Asheville courier released for publication a letter from Secretary W. N. Everett of the state department showing how North Carolina can handle her road bonds in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Mr. Everett's Charlotte speech, taking Governor Morrison's side of the deficit squabble, and his evident sympathy with the \$35,000,000 road bond bill moved many a tongue to administration gossip today; but the secretary could hardly have withheld the information. It is an impressive prospect which the secretary holds up for North Carolina. The total revenue which Mr. Everett's department gathered from all sources of automobile collection for 1924 was \$7,062,837.86.

It will take \$10,000,000 to finance the \$100,000,000, provide sinking fund and retire annually \$1,000,000 in the series. Mr. Everett does not doubt that the Bowie amendment now before the general assembly will do that work. Mr. Bowie believes a 4-cent gasoline tax will do the whole job. This would leave \$2,500,000 for maintenance. The Everett letter is an illuminating state paper:

Mr. Everett's Letter
Raleigh, N. C.
Jan. 29, 1925.

"Hon. T. C. Bowie,
"House of Representatives,
"Raleigh, N. C.
"My dear Tam:
"Replying to your inquiry of this morning, I wish to say that the indicated collections from automobile license and gasoline tax for the fiscal year ending June 30th will approximate ten million dollars. We have already received and turned over to the state treasurer \$7,062,837.86 which is made up as follows:

Auto license	\$4,167,075.84
Title certificates	85,473.38
Gasoline tax	2,504,626.39
Interest	5,662.25
Total	\$7,062,837.86

"I have been estimating for the last three or four months that we would have an average collection of \$500,000 per month for the balance of the fiscal year. The collections this month, representing the sale of gasoline and license tags for November, usually considered a bad month, is \$505,000, which is to say that we are running ahead of our estimate.

"To float \$100,000,000 of highway bonds will be somewhat as follows:

Interest charges at 4 1-2 per cent	\$1,500,000
Sinking fund	3,000,000
For the retirement of bonds already issued and \$1,000,000 per year for retiring serial bonds, leaving for maintenance, 2,500,000	

"This does not take into consideration the normal expected growth of income from this department. In 1923, for instance, the total collections were four and one-half millions; in 1924, eight millions; in 1925, approximately ten millions. If we can assume that we shall have a return of normal times, we have not, in my judgment, yet near reached the saturation point. When we consider that we have in North Carolina only one automobile for every eight or nine persons while the proportion in the whole country is one automobile to six persons, and when we consider further that while the people in the United States are spending three billion dollars per year for automobiles they are also spending one and one-half billions for candy. I look forward with confidence to a steadily increasing income from the sale of automobile license tags and the gasoline tax.

"One cent added to the price of gasoline will produce one-third of about five million dollars, or in round numbers, about one and one-half millions per year. If you add to this the income expected to be produced from the regulation of motor busses, you may safely add, I think, three-fourths of a million per year for the first two years, after

Representative Gann Introduces Bill

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature by Representative E. C. Gann, of Stokes, to amend the Stokes county road law. The contents of the bill have not been learned here.

which it will rapidly grow to possibly a million and one-half per year.

"It seems to me that whatever we need above the two and one-half millions for maintenance can easily be made up from these two sources without taking into consideration the normal growth of the business.

"I have a distinct feeling that so far as our ability to financially back our bonds is concerned, that we are playing a safe game.

Very truly yours,
WNE-d. (Signed) "W. N. Everett."

"P. S.—Here is some information which is not only interesting but very valuable, in support of the contention expressed in the foregoing letter.

"34,758 new cars sold in North Carolina last six months 1924. Total value \$1,282,200; monthly sales value \$5,213,700; daily sales value \$208,548. Approximately 21,000 used cars sold in North Carolina last six months 1924.

"Very truly yours,
WNE-d. (Signed) "W. N. Everett."

Left for—
Maintenance \$2,500,000
1 cent gas tax 1,500,000
Motor busses 500,000
Natural expected increase in volume of business 1,000,000
\$5,500,000

CO-OP GROWERS TO GET BACK PAY

Settlements On 1922 and 1923 Crops Will Be Made This Spring; Close February 7th.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Tobacco farmers in three states who have organized for the co-operative marketing of their crops, will benefit from the final settlements to be completed within the next sixty days, according to an announcement made to the meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association, held in Raleigh today.

Eastern Carolina farmers who are members of the marketing association will receive settlements on the crops of 1922 and 1923 on February 7, when the big co-operative closes out its eastern belt pools for deliveries of the past two seasons.

Members of the old bright belt of Virginia and North Carolina who delivered tobacco during the association's first season will receive final settlement not later than March 16, according to today's announcement, while the South Carolinians who have already received complete payment on their 1922 deliveries, will obtain complete settlement for the crop of 1923 not later than March 16, according to the statements of their directors today.

It was stated at Raleigh headquarters of the tobacco co-operative today, that members in the old bright belt of Virginia and North Carolina have already received 100 per cent of the bankers valuation on their deliveries of the 1923 crop and that following the complete settlement by the association with its members on their first year's deliveries, they will be paid on all grades of 1923 tobacco which has been sold and settled for by the purchaser, not later than forty days after the final settlement on the 1922 pool.

The associated tobacco farmers of South Carolina and in eastern North Carolina have already received 87 1-2 per cent of the bankers valuation on their 1923 crop of tobacco and those who are members of the marketing association in the old bright belt of Virginia are credited with receiving 75 per cent of the banker's valuation on their last season's deliveries to the co-operative warehouses. Out of 343 million pounds delivered to their association by the Carolina-Virginia co-ops during the past two seasons, only a little less than 15 million now remain unsold, according to the directors.

It's a remarkable commentary on civilization when we point with pride to the fact that "only" sixteen persons were lynched in the United States last year.—Boston Transcript.