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WEALTH OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Revenue Commissioner Makes Estimate on Resources.

Raleigh, July 18.—North Carolina's actual over estimated wealth under revaluation is seven and a half millions of dollars and its shrinkage from horizontal reductions will amount to several hundred millions. Such is the first summing up of figures made by Co. A. D. Watts, revenue commissioner announced today. When the horizontal reductions are all complete, the commissioner estimates that the wealth to the State will be about \$2,400,000,000. Sixty three of 100 counties have completed their reductions and 45 of these are in the hands of the commissioner. Twenty-nine counties made no cuts and eight are now going through the process of revaluation.

The figures are most interesting. No surprise attaches to the announcement that Durham's per capita wealth far in excess of the average for the State and Dare has no bitter rival for the lowest place. The average for the State was \$1,237.49 per capita but only 29 counties did better than the average. Wake was one dollar better than the average and Cleveland was one dollar below it. Durham's is \$2,899.49, and Dare's is \$530.92. Scotland has the second highest per capita wealth of any county in the State with \$1,990.52 and Clay is next to Dare towards the bottom. Mecklenburg is fourth with \$1,743.59 and Buncombe averages \$1,440.89.

It will be six months before a comparative statement can be made showing the changes that have been and will be wrought by the horizontal cut, but with most of the real and none of the person figures of Col. Watt's estimates the average reduction in valuation at 20 per cent. With figures in hand practically complete for 63 counties he cuts off four hundred millions for real property and lops off 40 per cent or three hundred millions, for the personal property.

Hyde, one of the weaker counties of the east, was rated under revaluation as one of the wealthier counties but the equalization board has so cut down the figures of the appraisers until Hyde gets back toward the bottom. The big difference in the county was the assessment against the timber lands of the John L. Roper company and this comes up for final decision next Tuesday. The action of the local boards have been promptly ratified here and local self government so far as the levy on real property is concerned, is the administration program for the future. Any effort of the legislature, if it should be convened into extraordinary session, to bring back the ad valorem tax will be resisted.

CAR AND DIAMONDS ARE

A YOUNG MAN'S UNDOING

Raleigh, July 20.—A manicurist's eight-cylinder automobile is responsible for Donaldson Harrison being charged with robbery of more than a thousand dollars worth of diamonds from Mahler's Jewelry store here. Harrison who was a journeyman jeweler employed in the store was brought to Raleigh tonight by local detectives, who located him in Richmond through the car number, wired here by the Virginia authorities. Until Saturday the car belonged to Frances Hudson, manicurist in the Yarrowborough hotel, and the police are tonight trying to ascertain whether the car was traded to Harrison in exchange for a diamond, which the manicurist recently acquired or whether she loaned him the car for the trip north. The two kept company frequently.

The total amount of jewelry, including diamonds, platinum and gold scrap will amount to between \$1,500 and \$1,800, according to a confession Harrison is said to have made tonight. He absolves the woman from any connection with the robbery, according to authorities, and says he traded with her for the car but she previously told her friends in the barbershop that the ring was the gift of another friend, it is said.

Harrison is 23 years old, and has been employed in Raleigh for four years. He is a native of Ohio but formerly worked in Asheville.

The North Carolina Health Bulletin says there will be a thousand fewer deaths from tuberculosis in North Carolina this year than there were ten years ago. This shows what educating the people on how to cure and prevent tuberculosis will do. Effectively dealing with tuberculosis is largely a matter of nourishment and ventilation. The disease can be easily prevented and easily cured if only the start is made in time. North Carolina is making great headway in its warfare on disease.

MR. BABINGTON WANTS PHYSICIANS TO HELP

Sends Announcement of Opening of Hospital To All Physicians. In State.

President R. B. Babington, of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital of Gastonia, is notifying the physicians of the State to become acquainted with the work of the hospital and to help in the work of spreading the news of the treatment given crippled children.

The announcement to the physicians of the State reads as follows: "The president and board of trustees of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, Gastonia, N. C., wish to announce that the hospital is now open for the reception of patients—children up to fourteen years of age.

"This hospital has been built and equipped in a modern manner and a complete staff selected to direct the clinical management of it. You are cordially invited to visit and inspect this institution and to take advantage of it by referring for treatment any cases which, in your opinion come within its province.

"It is the desire of this institution to render service to crippled children, irrespective of their financial condition. Charity service is rendered to children who cannot pay and a moderate charge will be made to those who are able to pay. Children or others over fourteen years of age may make appointment for consultation with the surgeon-in-chief, if desired.

"An application blank will be mailed on request, which when filed out and returned to the hospital, puts a child on the waiting list for a bed.

"An out-patient clinic is held at the hospital every Tuesday at 2 p. m. the operative clinic is Friday morning at nine o'clock.

DEPUTY SHERIFF PATE KILLED IN CUMBERLAND

Fayetteville, July 22.—Deputy Sheriff Al J. Pate, the oldest and one of the bravest officers in the county, was shot at from ambush and instantly killed at 9 o'clock tonight in Black River township about 20 miles from Fayetteville. Pate, with Sheriff N. H. McGeechay and four other deputies had just captured and destroyed a large copper still.

They had gone back to their automobile and were entering it when 3 shots rang out from the cornfield to the rear of the car. Pate was standing on the running board of the car and one shot entered his back on the right side and came out through his heart. He died immediately. The other officers rushed into the field and searched the surrounding country thoroughly but in the dark could find no trace of anyone.

J. Marshall Williams, son of a former county commissioner, who had been sought since last night as the slayer of Deputy Sheriff Al J. Pate, gave himself up to Sheriff N. H. McGeechay at noon today.

SIMMONS WILL VOTE AGAINST MR. LINNEY

Washington, July 23.—Senator Simmons will vote against confirmation of Frank A. Linney to be United States district attorney for western North Carolina, if became known tonight. He does not question Mr. Linney's ability or character, but feels critical toward the way the campaign of the republican party was conducted in the state last year under Mr. Linney's chairmanship. He thinks the latter tried to mislead the voters as to his party's real attitude on the negro question.

Senator Overman is not yet determined on what his attitude will be.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pharr, of Charlotte, are here visiting their daughter, Miss Mary Pharr, stenographer for Representative Bulwinkle.

BRYSON AND WIFE HELD FOR STEALING AN AUTO

Lexington, July 22.—Russell H. Bryson and his wife, Mrs. Lettie Bryson, are in jail at Columbia, S. C., and an automobile belonging to J. B. Evans, of this city, is in custody, according to a message received from Columbia officers today. The automobile was stolen here Tuesday night from a neighbor's garage while the owner was in a hospital at High Point, and its theft was not discovered until late Wednesday. Requisition papers are required, and as soon as these are received from the governor officers will go for the couple.

Bryson and wife and a child about four years old spent several days here with relatives, and disappeared on the night of the theft, according to local officers. On the night the Evans car was stolen a machine belonging to another man was taken from the garage and abandoned. Hair pins were found around this car next morning.

It seems to be up to Japan to show whether her aims are pacific or Pacific.

KILLED WHILE ASLEEP ON RAILROAD TRACK

L. C. Massey, of Union, S. C., Run Over by Two Trains at Cramerton Last Night—May Have Committed Suicide.

Gastonia Gazette, 27th.

While lying asleep on the railroad track at Cramerton about 10 o'clock last night, L. C. Massey, of Union, S. C., was run over and instantly killed by Southern train No. 85. He was rolled almost the distance of the length of the train before the train passed over his body. Before anyone came to remove his body, the second section of No. 35, which closely follows the first section, also ran over him.

The incident occurred about a mile west of the Cramerton station. Massey and a companion who was with him were seen to sit down on the track. Just before time for the train to arrive a girl saw Massey's companion arise and shake him, apparently to awaken his companion in order that they might get on the train. Massey did not get up and his companion walked on to the station and boarded the train.

Being rolled for quite a distance on the track and then run over, Massey's body was badly mangled and bruised. One leg was cut off by the wheels. His body was brought to the undertaking parlors of the Ford Undertaking Company here to be prepared for burial and to await the arrival of the railroad claim agent.

A letter was found in his pocket addressed to his mother at Central, S. C., stating that so far he had been unable to secure work but that he had been partially promised some work helping guard convicts at Cherryville. An identification card and a pocketbook containing a little over a dollar were found on his person.

Some time before the time for the train the two men are said to have inquired if there would be any chance to board a freight train going out of town. There being no freight train passing during that part of the night, they evidently decided to take the passenger train, Massey remaining on the track longer than he intended and falling asleep. It is supposed that he was tired and that when he lay down on his coat on the track he unintentionally fell asleep. Judging from his position in which he lay down with his head leaning on one track and his feet across the other it is thought that there is a possibility of his having lain down with intention of committing suicide.

Saturday night a box car was broken open here and some merchandise was stolen. Two of the car breakers were arrested and one was found to be from Union, S. C., Massey's home town. The clothing that was stolen from the car is said to have corresponded closely to some that Massey wore, and it is supposed by police authorities that all of these could have been in the same party.

It has not been decided today where his body will be shipped.

CHURCH GETS WEALTH OF POLK COUNTY MISER

Shelby, July 21.—Lee M. Gold, who lived the life of a miserly hermit, died this week and left all of his estate except five dollars to each of his two brothers, to the Double Springs Baptist church. It is estimated that his estate will be worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Gold was a native of Cleveland county and never married. He sold his fine farm at Lattimore some years ago to Will Crowder for \$10,000 and moved to Polk county, where he bought some mountain land, living alone and did his own cooking and housekeeping.

Some two weeks ago he became ill, and, after he was confined to his bed, he went several days without food or drink. A neighbor chanced in and found him. His condition was reported to relatives in Cleveland county, who went for him and brought him to his home for medical attention.

His body was buried this week at Double Springs Baptist church, where he held his membership.

This new church is said to be the handsomest country church in North Carolina, being a two story brick structure with electric lights, steam heat, baptistry, opera chairs, separate Sunday school rooms, etc. Mr. Gold gave \$500 to the church last year when subscriptions were being taken and stated at the time that they would get more.

He was 66 years of age.

NOTICE

All persons owning stock in Farmers Union Warehouse, Lincoln, and having been members of Clark's Creek Local No. 165, are requested to be present at call meeting of said Local Saturday, July 30 at 2 p. m., at Oak Grove school house to make arrangements to represent said stock at yearly meeting of stock holders of said institute.

Jacob Ramsarr, Sec-Treas.

ALL-YEAR-ROUND POLITICAL PARTIES

(Editorial from the Century Magazine.)

Too frequently a political party is only a campaign organization, functioning feverishly while office are being won, then falling into a patronage-gorged slumber while offices are being administered. * * * The biggest problem of our politics today is the discovery of ways and means of making our political parties function intelligently between campaign as well as during campaigns.

I can best get at what I have in mind by the simple reporting of what is to me one of the most significant bits of political news that has come to my ears for many months. The Democratic party has employed Mr. Robert Goldsmith to act for twelve months of the year as Director of Political Research for the party. That is to say, the Democratic party (National Committee) is to have a studious gentleman, unhampered by the whims of a constituency, who, in addition to the gathering of "campaign material," may act as a sort of intellectual servant at large to Democratic senators, representatives and party chiefs unearthing for them authentic information on the problems before the Government, helping to put a basis of fact under all legislative discussion, helping to forestall snap judgments and to hamstring more prejudice and passion in debate.

This appointment of a research director for a political party suggests the next great step in American politics. If the Democratic leaders will only see its full significance and develop it; New Mr. Goldsmith is a catholic-minded gentleman, with an almost uncanny sensitiveness to sources of information, but he should be surrounded by a staff of research associates and given adequate funds for the organization of the work on a comprehensive scale. Then the Republican party should follow suit by the organization of a research committee under a capable director.

It would require a Senate and House of superman to deal intelligently with all the problems that confront our legislators, if each legislator were expected to unearth and master for himself and by himself the countless facts involved. Yet that is what we are asking of our senators and representatives. We elect to the Senate or the House a man from some small inland town, a man of nominal educational qualifications, a man who has neither read nor traveled widely and straightaway ask him to pass judgment for us upon the tangled and technical problems of our industrialism, and to aid in drafting for us a scheme of relations with the rest of the world which he has never seen and of which he, perhaps, knows next to nothing. This is not a flippant flung at our representatives. Of almost any American in their place the same might be said. A constant changing body of elected representatives cannot be expected to have universal knowledge at their fingertips. We must put back of the changing body of representatives a constant body of researchers. The researchers will provide the facts and the representatives will act upon them.

We often wonder why it is that England comes out of almost every conflict, military or diplomatic, with flying colors. The reason does not lie primarily with her premiers and cabinet members, but with the constant body of men who give their lives to the service of the Government. Secretaries of State for foreign affairs may come and go in England, but the Foreign Office goes on forever. Many of the brightest and best men from England's universities are attracted to permanent government service. These men become expert in given fields. When crisis impend in British politics, the statesman can always touch the buzzer and call to his side the scholar who supplies the facts in the case. This constant body of informed men is so vital a factor in British politics that it is almost true to say that the elected members of the Government are the "showmen" of British politics while the sustained statesmanship is supplied by the men in the background.

Maybe we shall some day overhaul our civil service and achieve something of a like result, but in the meantime our most hopeful opportunity lies in the development of research committees within our political parties. In doing this we should be only tearing a leaf from the record of the British Labor Party. Its research committee makes fundamental studies of any and every question that confronts the Government. Its assembled information is at the disposal of its servants in the Government and is available when the party desires to make a statement to the country. With such a committee in each party, we might in time get away from the studied inanities of our conventional party platforms and achieve statements that would capture the imagination of the country

THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

(Miss Ellie C. Nelson, County Health Nurse)

Civilized man is prone to contract tuberculosis because the habit of so called "civilization" are just the ones that weaken the bodily resistance to the germ which is ever present in the atmosphere and which is so ready to attack human beings. It is impossible the many causes that leads to tuberculosis, but the fact that it takes its annual toll of so many thousand of people just at the most useful and most fruitful period of their lives, makes it important that we should understand something of the ways to prevent tuberculosis, or consumption as it is rightly called, because when unchecked it literally consumes the human body.

In order therefore, to prevent the attacks of the germs which produces tuberculosis, it is necessary to build up bodily resistance to supply the individual with those elements that nature originally designed for man to use to make him efficient these elements are—wholesome nourishing food; pure air; right exercises; protection from infected persons. If those rules are followed the ordinary person may be said to be in a great measure immune to attacks of tuberculosis.

Of course it is necessary also to avoid all excess, in order to maintain good health; and every thing that helps the preservation of good health is also a prevention of tuberculosis. When we consider how seldom the average individual does obey the rules of health as outlined here, the wonder is not that so many have tuberculosis, but rather that so many escape having it. Health education is the principle preventive against tuberculosis; such education may be obtained from any anti-tuberculosis organization, and public health nurses all over the country give instruction, not only in the care of the infected person, but in the ways of preventing the spread of infection.

Good health is not an accident of life, it may be a definitely procured blessing easily within reach of all who desire and who will learn the simple laws of right living and who will follow them steadily, persistently and intelligently.

SUBMARINE GREEN BLANKS

SHELBY WITH FOUR HITS

Shelby, July 26.—Two hits coupled with three costly errors enabled Camden to make four runs in the first inning and defeated Shelby this afternoon 4 to 0. After the first inning it was a pitchers battle between Submarine Gheen, the ex-Hornet twirler and Curtis of Shelby. Hits off Gheen 4; off Curtis, 6.

Curtis and Gurley; Gheen and Jones.

and serve as blue prints of progress. The party that first develops a comprehensive research department will gain an untold advantage over the party that retains the ancient hit-or-miss relation of facts. Its representatives in the Senate and the House will when the system is really in working order, hold a decided advantage over the representatives of the opposition. With both parties supported by such committees of research, the "Congressional Record" might become a document of compelling interest to the public. It may be suggested that the research committees of political parties could not be relied upon for unbiased information, that they would bend facts to the exigencies of party politics. If however, both parties had such committees, each party would know that the opposition, with the same facts at hand would be on the alert for misinterpretation. The system would, in fact enforce a refreshing sincerity in political discussion.

Under the research director of each party there should be numerous sub-directors in charge of special fields of investigation. The members of these committees should be "above the battle" of politics. They should be members of a sort of party civil service. The rewards of the work should be sufficient to attract able men to it as a life work. Then, maybe, we could evolve a sustained national policy, avoiding the serious losses of our present system of four and eight year swings of the partisan pendulum.

(Dr. Robert Goldsmith, Director of the Bureau of Political Research at Democratic National Headquarters has been a lecturer for the last ten years on social, economic and political topics. He is the author of "A League to Enforce Peace" and is a recognized authority of international topics. He was formerly an associate editor on the Collier's and an editorial writer on the New York World.

The date of the Bureau of Political Research is available to all members of the Democratic party.)

LANDER'S CHAPEL ITEMS

There will be a reunion at the home of Mr. Robert Lineberger at old Hardin in honor of Mr. Lineberger's mother Mrs. Sarah Lineberger, Saturday July 30. Everybody invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Misses Lela and Annie Mae Payseur gave a social Saturday night, July 23 for the members of the Luthera League of Bethel Lutheran Church. Everyone present reported a very pleasant evening.

Misses Jinnie Bell Carpenter of Lowell and Bessie Friday of Dallas R. 1 spent last week with their grand parents Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Carpenter. Mrs. Ila Huss spent the week end with her sister Mrs. O. T. Friday of Dallas R. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kiser of Bessemer City spent Sunday with Mr. Kiser's mother Mrs. Francis Kiser who is on the sick list.

Miss Callie Kiser is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. Callie Rudi-sill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kiser, Sunday, July 24, a girl.

Mr. O. T. Carpenter of Gastonia, spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Payseur spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carpenter.

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER IN 16 TAR HEEL TOWNS

Washington, July 21.—The civil service commission today announced dates for holding examinations to fill postmastership vacancies at 16 North Carolina towns. Examinations are to be held on August 13 to designate eligibles for appointment at Clinton, Hendersonville and Morehead City, all second class offices. These examinations will be held at the towns named in the announcement and full information regarding the tests may be obtained from the local postoffices or by application to the civil service commission in Washington. Clinton and Morehead City pay \$2,200 annually and the salary of the Hendersonville office is \$2,800 per day.

The commission also announced today that examinations would be held on August 13, a day later to fill vacancies at 13 third class offices in the State. The offices and annual salaries attached being as follows:

Arova, \$1,400; Belmont, \$1,900; Columbia, \$1,700; Biscoe, \$1,700; Cherryville, \$1,900; Creedmoor, \$1,400; Dallas, \$1,200; Guilford College, \$1,300; Kenansville, \$1,300; Lillington, \$1,700; Ramsaur, \$1,500; Roseboro, \$1,500; Wilkesboro, \$1,300.

Examinations for these third class offices are to be held at several larger towns in North Carolina, but the commission say that "a competitor for any office may be examined at any one of the places named."

Examination for the third class vacancies enumerated above will be conducted on August 13 at one and all of the following North Carolina points, the practice being that for appointments to one of the third class offices the applicants shall go to any one of a number of larger cities to take the examination: Asheboro, Fayetteville, Edenton, Gastonia, Greensboro, Lincolnton, Mount Olive, North Wilkesboro, Oxford, Sanford, Washington.

KU KLUX KNIGHTS ADMITS TAR AND FEATHER WORK

Beaumont, Texas, Klan Assumes Responsibility For Two Beatings—Wizard To Investigate.

Beaumont, Tex., July 23.—The Beaumont local of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan today sent long letters to both newspapers here in which they assume full responsibility for the recent beating, tarring and feathering of J. S. Paul, local physician, and R. F. Scott, marine corps veteran of Deweyville.

The communication bore the official seal of the order and contained more than 4,000 words as an explanation of the two attacks. They summed up with the following quotations:

"For while they rabble with their thumb worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds

Mingles with the selfish strife, lo! freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps."

Belief was expressed here that the letter will be investigated by William Joseph Simmons, grand wizard of the order, of Atlanta, and that developments may be expected in accordance with the head official's declared intention to submit to authorities the roster of local branches violating the "law of the land."

A boy and girl in a Methodist home in Maine had just gone to bed. Hearing a noise from the chamber mother called up the stairs, "Quiet down now and get to sleep."

"We can't," was the reply. "Papa is at the piano playing 'The Star Spangled Banner' and we are standing up in bed."—Exchange.

SHORT ITEMS

Hickory, July 22.—The body of Chester C. Williams, a member of the Rainbow division, who was killed in an accident in France on September 29, 1918, will arrive tomorrow morning. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Raleigh, July 24.—Seventy-five liquor stills, most of them of copper construction will be sold to the highest bidder for cash by the sheriff of Wake county tomorrow at the courthouse door. All of the stills were captured from blockaders in the county within the past three months. Nothing is the matter with them except they have been chopped to pieces with axes.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 24.—The three-year-old daughter of Hugh G. McGinnis, of this city received painful scalp injuries and three other persons narrowly escaped serious injury today when a commercial airplane piloted by S. W. Crane crashed into the automobile in which the McGinnis family was riding on the beach north of Pablo Beach near here. Crane, who had a woman passenger was attempting to make a landing.

Beaufort, July 25.—A very sad ending to what was intended for a baseball game took place here today when Charles Noe was struck on the head by a pitched ball. He fell dead running to first base. The game was between the Fats and the Leans, and had gone six innings when the tragedy occurred. Noe was about 25 years old and leaves a widow and two children. The young man's wife was prostrated.

Charlotte, July 22.—Secretary J. Leak Spencer, of the Highland Park Manufacturing company, operating 4 cotton mills at and near Charlotte, which, 1,200 employees have been on strike since June 1, announced tonight that the plants would resume operations just as soon as applications for work were received from enough operatives to man the mills. Mr. Spencer explained that the company proposed to resume operations only on the same basis as to wages and working hours that was effective when the workers

Raleigh, July 20.—Weenie and ice cream stands were today erected on lots close by the state rock quarry, from which a second "stolen" automobile was recovered today and two others marked for resurrection tomorrow. Nothing has so excited Raleigh since the 113th regiment came back from overseas. Insurance men say they know positively that seven automobiles are in the big hole and they lean strongly to the belief that the drowning is part of the wholesale conspiracy which has boosted insurance in this section almost to prohibitive prices.

CONCLUDE CLASS WORK

AT MISSION CONFERENCE

Newton July 24.—The class work of the Catawba college Reformed church missionary conference was completed yesterday. Rev. E. H. Gunther, of Sendai, Japan, led the class in the "How and Why of Foreign Missions." Rev. Dr. Chan. E. Schaeffer led the class in "Home Mission Tasks." He had the largest class at the conference—50 members.

Misses Carrie Kershner and Catherine Miller, of Philadelphia, led the young people's classes. There were large groups of teenage boys and girls who looked into the missionary life of the church, some for the first time. When class periods were on no young people were seen on the playgrounds, nor out autoing, nor walking in pairs along such routes as pairs would choose out. All were at the conference for study.

A pageant, "From Darkness to Light," a missionary affair, prepared by Miss Kershner was presented on the college campus. More than 50 people took part.

Last night Rev. Mr. Gunther gave a stereopticon lecture on the home-life and work of the Reformed missionaries in Japan. The pictures were his own, taken by himself during the past six years. It showed the life of the people in Sendai, Japan, their homes, industries, temples, modes of travel just as the missionary on the field sees it from day to day.

The conference decided to hold the fourth conference next year and make it a full six-day conference. Delegates say they will return next year. More than 35 of the 57 congregations are represented, some with their pastor. The object will be to secure at least one delegate from every church.

Among those present from Lincoln were: Georgie Icard, Rev. W. H. McNairy, William Yoder, Miss Virginia Warlick, and Mr. J. R. Warlick.

It's fine to have a great fleet of ships carrying the American flag, but it won't last long unless they carry something else too. And that's one of the numerous "places where the Fordney tariff hurts."