

## Reducing the Appraisal Was "Much Ado About Nothing."

By Novus Homo.

Washav, R. F. D. No. 1—April 12. —You editorial in Friday's paper on "Reducing the Appraisal" throws some much needed light on the folly of "a big heap tax" to no purpose, or much ado about nothing. What we need in this country more than anything else is a disposition to be fair and the honesty to give credit where credit is due. So long as we are always itching for some excuse to roll up big campaign thunder and raise the devil about a matter that is absolutely worthless in the very people we appeal to for support for it we will never get on that high plane where universal suffrage would put us if we let it.

If all the money in all the stocks that would come up for listing at 60c on the hundred, will still come up at the advanced rate of 50c on the hundred, then the farm that was valued at \$5000.00 and paid \$200.00 tax will now be valued at \$2,750.00 and will pay \$30.00 tax. But if half of this money and stocks hide away, which it can easily do, then the land, in order to make up the deficiency, will have to carry a rate of one dollar on the hundred, and the \$5,000.00 farm, now reduced to \$2,750.00, will pay \$37.50 instead of thirty, and that's how much we have mended matters.

Ex-President Taft said at a dinner party in 1912: "The American people do not know what they want." The expression probably went a long way toward defeating him for the presidency in the fall of the same year, but I'll be darned if he didn't tell the truth, which fact illustrates that the Ex "would rather be right than be President."

Very likely a great many of the dupes who rooted for lower assessments thought it meant less tax for them. It's the business of professional politicians to make people believe what "ain't so." The more adept they are in this work, the more successful politicians they are. The only way to reduce taxes is to reduce the expense of government.

## YOUNG PARKER ARGUES FOR SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

He Enumerates the Many Advantages to Be Obtained From Larger Schools.

By BRUCE PARKER, Student at Union (Sandy Ridge) School. At this instance we find ourselves writing on the greatest subject of today: the subject of education. All educational men are studying it. Even we ourselves are greatly concerned with certain educational movements. Every body and girl should have a good education, but some of them are not getting it. Education is a necessity, and North Carolina does not provide what it should for her boys and girls. She is near the bottom in education, but she now has a plan that will carry her up the hill of knowledge. That idea is consolidation of schools, and I believe Union can easily become an efficient high school through consolidation.

Union is a suitable place for such a school for we have a healthy community. The most of the patrons co-operate with the teachers and school. These points favor Union I think, as a school cannot be a success in an unhealthy community or in one that has neighbors that do not co-operate with the school. Union is almost in the center, and is very near four or five schools that could easily be united with it. For this reason also we would prefer to have a consolidated school here than at another near school. We have a new and painted building that is sufficient for a high school. We have four large rooms that are sufficient for class rooms. The auditorium is large enough for any entertainments we might wish to give.

In consolidation of schools we would find a few disadvantages that we would have to consider. "How are the children going so far to a consolidated school?" That is an easy question to solve. North Carolina is now trying to better her road condition, and trucks can be furnished for carrying the children back and forth. Trucks are being manufactured that have a safe heating system, and if certain rules are made for the driver to go by, the children from other schools will fare better than the near ones that have to walk. If this could not be done it would be better for every family to furnish a way of its own rather than pay board and tuition at some other school.

To have a consolidated or high school at Union would give us a much larger taxable area, and have a much stronger school that would do much better work. We know that it is very hard to find good teachers for so many schools, and if we had a high school we could get teachers much easier and some that would stay for more than one term. The work would be arranged so that it wouldn't be so hard on a teacher. The teachers go to high schools in preference to country one for that reason. In a high school more time could be had for each recitation and better class explanation, a thing that is now denied a public school. Many things could be taught that we do not have. Domestic science could be taught the girls, and teach them how to cook a pleasing meal. The boys could be taught agriculture, and teach them how to use tool and brain. Drawing and art could be taught in a high school for time would be found for such things. Every girl should learn music and if we had a consolidated school we would have enough music students to pay a music teacher to come. Music was a failure this past year for that reason, and how are girls going to learn music without a teacher? The boys could have a large debating society that would help to train them to speak in public. Debating and literary societies are said to do almost as much good as the knowledge of books, and in a high school such things would be a success. We would have a large number from which to select our athletic team, and also a better chance to select pupils for our commencements like we have been having lately. A high school at Union would give us an almost complete course of high school work.

It would not only help the school, but it would strengthen the community, and better organizations and clubs could be had. The colleges and high schools are crowded and to have a consolidated high school would lighten their work. We can see what a high school at Union would mean by comparing ours with such schools. A consolidated school would not only educate more thoroughly but more people. We would have a high school in reach of our boys and girls, when now it is not.

The greatest advantage I find in a high school at Union is that it not only gives those that go to school a better chance, but by having it within their reach many a poor family could send their children to high school when they are not able to send them off to school and pay board and tuition. It would train more boys and girls for great men and women that would battle for the hope, prosperity, peace and progress of our nation.

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## AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Issuance of not Exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars of Bonds of the City of Monroe, N. C., for Sewers.

Be it ordained by the board of aldermen of the City of Monroe, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the municipal finance act, bonds of the City of Monroe are hereby authorized to be authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars for the purpose of enlarging the sewer system of the city of Monroe by the construction of sewers (by the sanitary or surface drainage sewers).

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. Pursuant to the requirements of the municipal finance act, it is hereby determined and declared:

(a) That a statement of the debt of the city of Monroe has been filed with the City Clerk pursuant to the municipal finance act and is open to public inspection.

(b) That the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation by the city of Monroe for the 1920, as shown by said statement is \$6,215,270.00.

(c) That the amount of the net debt of the city of Monroe outstanding, authorized or to be authorized, as shown by said statement is \$393,702.11.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be published once in each of four successive weeks, as required by the municipal finance act.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its first publication, unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under the municipal finance act, and in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the municipality at an election, as provided in said act.

It is hereby declared that all expenses to be defrayed by means of the bond issue hereby authorized are necessary expenses of the city of Monroe, within the meaning of Section 7 of Article 7 of the constitution of North Carolina.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 7th day of March, 1921 and was first published on the 29th of March, 1921.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

J. H. BOYTE, Clerk.

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Trains	Arrive	Leave
No. 14 from Charlotte	5:50 a. m.	5:55 a. m. for Wilmington.
No. 12 from Atlanta	6:30 a. m.	6:35 a. m. for Richmond
No. 34 from Rutherfordton	10:50 a. m.	10:55 a. m. for Raleigh and Wilmington
No. 5 from Richmond	7:55 a. m.	8:00 a. m. for Atlanta.
No. 19 from Wilmington	11:20 a. m.	11:30 a. m. for Charlotte.
No. 15 from Monroe	.....	8:10 a. m. for Rutherfordton.
No. 29 from Monroe	.....	11:30 a. m. for Atlanta.
No. 31 from Raleigh	.....	and Wilmington 2:40 p. m.
No. 20 from Charlotte	5:50 p. m.	6:00 p. m. for Wilmington.
No. 30 from Atlanta	5:50 p. m.	..... Monroe.
No. 16 from Rutherfordton	9:10 p. m.	..... Monroe.
No. 6 from Atlanta	9:35 p. m.	9:45 for Richmond.
No. 13 from Wilmington	10:35 p. m.	10:45 p. m. for Charlotte.
No. 11 from Portsmouth	11:35 p. m.	11:40 p. m. for Atlanta.

C. T. HARRILL, Ticket Agent.

E. W. LONG, Division Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

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The fiscal year and the end of the present administration will end May 1st.

If I had time, which I have not, it would be very embarrassing for me to call on each individual for his or her tax, so please come forward at once and settle your tax that I may have books in shape for the audit.

Yours very truly,  
**JAMES McNEELY,**  
City Tax Collector.