



THE SUN HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY IN THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

QUESTIONS ASKED BY TAX ASSESSORS

Questionnaires To All Land Owners—Must Answer And Swear That The Answers Are True And Correct.

County tax supervisor, Mr. C. E. Tanner began mailing out the questionnaires Monday in Rutherfordton township. They will be taken up in a few days when the tax officials make a personal call. Then the questions will go out to land owners in other townships until the entire county is covered. The following is the complete questionnaire.

Blank For Listing Land Acreage

The purpose of this blank is to disclose the fair, actual cash value of the tract of land listed. It carries the guarantee of the state that the purpose is not to increase the total amount of taxes paid, but to find the value of each separate piece of property equally, and by the same standard rule, so that equal justice may be done to each taxpayer. The total increase in taxes cannot exceed ten per cent for the state, for the county, for any special tax district. A separate blank must be filled out for each separate piece of real property. The supervisor must require that full answer be made to every question. If you cannot answer any question with absolute accuracy give the answer that represents your best judgment as an estimate. The board of appraisers will not be bound by your answer as to the actual value of the property. Your answer should represent your best judgment of the value. The assessment will represent the best judgment of the county board of appraisers, which may be higher or lower than yours. You will in any case be notified in writing by mail of assessment made, and will be given opportunity to be heard if in your judgment it is assessed for more than its actual cash value.

County of? Township? Name of owner? Race? Name or description of tract? Containing -- acres? Adjoining lands of? Distance from nearest city or town -- miles? Name of city or town.

Does it adjoin improved graded roads? If not, give distance from such road?

Number of acres in cultivation Value?

No. of acres in grass or pasture? Value?

No. acres in waste land, value?

No. of acres in timber, value?

No. of dwelling houses, value?

No. of storehouses, value?

No. barns, value?

No. of other buildings, value?

Total value of land and all improvements \$-----?

In your best judgment, does the answers given to the above questions represent the actual cash value of this tract of land and all improvements on May 1st, 1919? If not what was the actual value of the property as a whole \$-----?

Does this tract contain merchantable timber in excess of that necessary for general farm use on this tract?

If yes, give best estimate of timber in thousand feet?

Has timber right been sold and conveyed?

If yes, to whom?

What was the consideration of sale?

Give amount of insurance on buildings?

If whole property was rented in 1918, what was the value in money of rent received?

If cultivated by owner, or partly cultivated and partly rented, what was the fair rental value of the whole?

When did you acquire this tract of land?

If by purchase, what was consideration?

Were there any circumstances connected with the sale which caused it to sell for more or less than its value at that time?

Give cost of improvements made since purchase \$-----?

State of North Carolina—County of -----

I, ----- do solemnly swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the foregoing statement (or statements) contains a true, full and correct list of all real property owned by me on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, or which I am authorized or required to list as agent for another; that such property has been fully and fairly described and its true condition represented; that I have in no case sought to mislead the supervisor or his assistant as to the entire quantity, quality or value of the property; that I have, to the best of my knowledge and judgment, valued the said property at its true and actual value on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, by which I mean the price that could be obtained for said property at private or voluntary sale for cash, and not the price which might be realized at a forced or auction sale; that I have made full and true answers to all questions with respect to the value and condition of such property that I have been required to answer; so help me, God.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this --- day of -----, 19---

Is this property located in any special tax district or districts?

If so, give name of district -----

Additional facts or comment by supervisor or assistant, including estimate of value: -----

Valuation by County Board of Appraisers \$-----

Notice of valuation mailed, ----- 1919.

Complaint heard ----- 1919.

Final valuation, \$-----

The following circular letter is being mailed with each questionnaire.

Rutherfordton, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

Blank forms are mailed to you herewith for listing your real property under the Revaluation Act. If you own more than one tract of real property a separate blank must be filled out for each tract.

This is for the general revaluation of property, which is to be made upon the basis of the actual cash value of the property. That is the basis that is to be applied to all property for tax purposes. It is the only basis upon which there can be an equal assessment of property in all counties in the State and upon an equal basis as between property owners. This basis of valuation will, of course, generally result in much higher valuations than have heretofore been made of property for tax purposes.

But please understand that this does not necessarily mean that the amount of your taxes will be increased, even though the actual value of your property may be greatly increased. In fact, it cannot result in an increase in the amount of your taxes of more than ten per cent, unless your property has heretofore been assessed upon a lower basis than the general average of other property. This is positively guaranteed in the Revaluation Act. The assessment that is to be made upon these blanks does not go into effect until 1920, and before it goes into effect the General Assembly will meet in special session and readjust all tax rates to conform to the total valuations made under this assessment, and upon a guarantee that the rates will be so adjusted that the total taxes in 1920 will not be increased more than ten per cent over total taxes collected this year.

In other words, we are to have actual cash values and low tax rates, instead of low valuations and high tax rates as at present.

Please fill out these blanks, answering each question as accurately as you can. One of us is required to inspect each piece of real property, and we expect to call to see you for this purpose on or about the ----- day of ----- If you desire us to give you any assistance in filling out the blanks will do so at that time.

We want to give you any assistance we can, and ask you for your co-operation and assistance in making a complete success of this work, which has for its purpose the equalization of taxes according to the actual worth of each taxpayer.

Yours truly,
County Supervisor.

"Women and mountains should be looked on at a distance."

NORMAL SCHOOL

Sulphur Springs To Have Normal—Personals

(Special to The Sun). FOREST CITY R-1, July 7. — The basket picnic at Sulphur Spring was well attended by people of the community, as well as visitors from other places. An elegant dinner spread under the shady trees was an especially pleasing feature. Two ball games in which Sulphur Spring and Piney Ridge played a tie game, Henrietta and Sulphur Spring played 4-3 in favor of Henrietta, were enjoyed by those present.

A fishing trip to the river was enjoyed by a number of people of the community on the 4th. Plenty of fish and a good time generally was reported.

An ice cream supper will be given at Sulphur Spring Saturday, July 12th. The proceeds to be used for buying base ball suits for the Sulphur Spring team.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fite of Shelby, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. R. H. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hardin and baby are visiting Mrs. Hardin's father, Mr. L. G. Allen.

The friends of Mr. Pink Robbins and Mrs. W. L. Robbins will be pleased to learn that they have recovered from their recent illness.

Mrs. Clarence Day who suffered with a severe attack of acute indigestion has recovered.

The vocal normal under the direction of Profs. Hilderbrandt and Blanton will begin Monday, July 14 and continue until August 16th. These excellent teachers are well known and Sulphur Spring with its commodious hotel and unsurpassed water is an ideal place for the school.

There will be an all day singing at Sulphur Spring Baptist church, Sunday, July 13th. Dinner on the grounds. All are cordially invited.

If an extra butcher knife was discovered in your basket on the 4th, Mrs. A. C. McMahan will be pleased to have it returned to her.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

State Association To Meet At Wrightsville

The Sun has received the following letter which is self explanatory.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association will meet at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington August 13-14-15. These are convenient dates for the county commissioners, farmers, business men and everyone interested in good roads.

In addition to the good roads association being held at that time, the North Carolina Association of county commissioners and the North Carolina Automobile Club will meet at the same time, thus bringing together all classes of people definitely and earnestly interested in building good roads.

At this joint session of these organizations, special emphasis will be placed upon the building of a system of State highways and the use of the more durable types of pavement in their construction. North Carolina, in fact, the entire United States is on the eve of a tremendous industrial development and efficient transportation is one of the vital factors in connection with that development. The public roads are being used more and more, not only for transportation of passengers, but for transportation of freight as well. Transportation by truck is yet in its infancy, and we must prepare our roads for the enormous freight and trucks which they must bear. The permanent type of hard surface is the only kind of road that will stand the heavy truck traffic.

Please urge through your paper that every good road enthusiast in your county and adjoining counties who can do so will attend the N. C. Good Roads Association at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, August 13, 14-15.

Yours very truly,
N. BUCKNER, Secretary Board of Trade.

Accidentally Shot

Mr. C. B. Hardin, son of Mr. W. J. Hardin, R-3, was accidentally shot in the foot by his younger brother last week. He had the gun lying on his lap cocked. He went to tighten a screw when the gun went off causing a slight flesh wound on his brother's foot. The wound was painful but not serious.

MILLIONS IN SUPPLIES

Swift & Company's Part In Helping Win The War

Some of the great accomplishments of American business during the war are just beginning to creep to the surface now that the ban of censorship has been removed.

The manner in which the packers met the emergencies which arose during the war is well illustrated in the case of Swift & Company who in one week filled a government order for 32,000,000 pounds of meat and fat. This necessitated the dressing of 13,000 cattle and 200,000 hogs and required 1,000 freight cars to transport.

Another instance is found in an order which was received one Saturday afternoon at five o'clock for 2,000,000 pounds of a special cut of dry salt meats. The war department wanted this shipment of 43 cars boxed and on the way by the following Tuesday noon—less than 70 hours distant. Swift & Company had the last car loaded and rolling an hour before noon on Tuesday.

In still another case the Government could get no one to put up fresh butter in tins for overseas shipment. Swift & Company accepted an order for 500,000 pounds on May 4th, 1918. It was to organize the help to do work entirely new to them, but the first car was rolling eastward in 33 days and a month later the entire order was completed.

The tremendous total of \$550,000,000 worth of supplies was furnished by Swift & Company alone to the American and Allied Governments during the war. The peak was reached in December, 1918, when the goods furnished totaled \$35,000,000 in this one month.

Over 8,500 employees of Swift & Company answered the call to the colors and served in practically every branch of the army and navy. Every returned soldier of valor will be given his old position, or one equally as good, at a salary or wage equal to the amount he was receiving when he left, or if the rate of pay for his position has been increased in the meantime, at the increased rate.

Swift & Company and its employees subscribed almost \$17,000,000 to the five war loans and the company donated over \$1,400,000 to the various war service organizations. The record for the largest number of subscribers was reached in the Fourth Loan when 53,427 employees bought bonds.

BULLETIN FREE

Many Schools Buy Works Of Art—Good Offer

(Special to The Sun).

RALEIGH, July 7.—Many public schools of the State are taking advantage of the opportunity offered them by the State Department of Agriculture to purchase beautiful pictures for the school room. Superintendent R. W. Isley of Sampson county has just placed an order for fourteen of the public schools of his county, and several others report that they have on hand their share of the money necessary to buy some of these pictures under the cooperative plan outlined in the April, 1919, bulletin by Dr. Clarence Poe of the State Board of Agriculture.

The gist of the matter is that a one teacher school raising \$5 or more for buying pictures from the officially approved list, may get \$5 more from the Department, while, for two teacher schools, the Department duplicates amounts up to \$10, and for three teacher schools up to \$15.

Reproductions of the score of great masterpieces of art recommended for purchase by schools appear in the April bulletin, "Great Pictures and Good Books and Bulletins: How to Get Them for Country Schools and Homes." This publication gives full information on how to get pictures for country schools and also tells how to get traveling libraries, package libraries, debate libraries and bulletins of State and National Departments of Agriculture.

A free copy of this handsomely illustrated 48-page bulletin will be sent to any North Carolinian sending a request to the Agricultural Editor, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Women fall in love with their protectors; men with women.

JOHN BOSTIC DEAD

Prominent Citizen Passes—Singing Convention

(Special to The Sun).

FOREST CITY, R-2, July 7. — The people of the community were very much saddened on the morning of June 28th to learn of the death of Mr. John G. Bostic. He was buried at Betheny on the morning of June 30. Revs. John M. Walker of Campobello, R-2, S. C., S. A. Milton Goode of Boiling Springs, Z. D. Harrill of Ellenboro, all assisted in the funeral services. Reverends Walker and Goode were former pastors of Mr. Bostic and Rev. Harrill was his present pastor and Rev. Bridges was for several years superintendent of the Sunday school at Betheny of which he was a faithful member and teacher. He was born December 9, 1849, he joined the Baptist church at the age of 13 years and has been a good faithful member all these many years. He married Miss Susana McArthur in the year 1866 and to this union was born seven children, three dead and four living, those still surviving are Miss Docie Bostic, who is still living at the old home, Mrs. Irene Murphy of Hollis, Milson Bostic of Henrietta and T. A. Bostic of Forest City, R-2. He had 17 grand children, of this number three are dead and 14 living. It will be remembered that the deceased had been in declining health for about a year and all that loving hands could do had been done for him, but the one who doeth all things right, said, "It's enough, come up higher."

He was a very patient sufferer, never complaining. He passed away so quietly that not even those who were watching over him knew when the end came. A large congregation of mourning friends attended the funeral, and oh, the flowers literally covered his grave, all of which showed the high esteem in which he was held. He will be greatly missed in the church and Sunday school. He had been teacher of the Intermediate class in the Sunday school for a number of years and was at his post as long as he was able. The family have our deepest sympathy.

Rev. Z. D. Harrill filled his regular appointment at Betheny last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mamie and Sarah Whitesides of Rutherfordton R-2, visited at W. E. Lewis' last Saturday and Sunday. They are attending the summer school at Union Mills.

The farmers are getting along fairly well laying by their corn and cotton, and the hum of the threshers are heard on every side.

There was a nice rain fell here yesterday and we were proud to see it as the ground was getting hard and dry.

The Rutherford County Singing Convention which met with Betheny on the 5th Sunday in June was pronounced by all to be the best convention that has ever been held. The next convention will meet with Adaville church on the 5th Sunday in August. Let everybody remember the date and attend.

Aged Veteran Passes

(Special to The Sun).

BOSTIC, R-4, July 7.—On the 23d of June at half-past three o'clock, Mr. Aaron Brande, quietly and suddenly went to his reward in Heaven. He was born here in Golden Valley on April 18, 1833, and for the past four years had made his home with his son, Mr. Tate Brande, of Golden, where he was at the time of his death.

During the Civil War, Mr. Brande served in the home guard service for the South. He is survived by four living children, thirty-one grandchildren. His wife, who was Harriet Carbo, and three children passed away before him.

For 35 years he has been one of the most active members of the Fair View Baptist church. He was buried in the Golden Valley cemetery, the funeral being conducted by the Rev. J. D. Bridges and the Rev. F. G. Walker.

Many are the friends and relatives who miss his sunny, cherry smile and bright, good humor. But it is a joy to know that he is with his Master.

177,000 Troops Return

BREST, July 7.—During the month of June, 177,000 American troops sailed homeward from Brest. This is the record for any month at any port on the Atlantic seaboard of France since the armistice.

STATES IN RACE FOR FEDERAL ROAD AID

Roads To Cost \$20,861,597, With Mileage Of 1,443, Provided For In Thirty - Day Period.

The alacrity with which the States of the Union are accepting the Federal Government's offer of financial aid in certain approved road building and improving projects gives promise that within a few years America will have the best roads in the world, and there will be few large communities or populous regions that will not be easily accessible to automobiles and motor trucks the year round. The fact that Federal aid is not given to purely local projects nor to those wherein the specifications do not insure permanence, stability and equality of construction suitable to heavy traffic insures that all these roads will be of service permanently to the nation as a whole, not only for its pleasure and commercial traffic, but for military purposes should the need ever again arise.

For example, the projects approved from one State, Pennsylvania, call for Federal aid to the amount of \$1,444,697.54 in the building of nine roads having an estimated cost of \$2,516,628.60. A single project in Illinois approved will cost \$1,636,445.50, and will receive \$818,222.75 of Federal money. An Allegheny county (Maryland) project approved for a concrete road 4.68 miles long, will cost \$56,817 a mile. These facts emphasize the conclusions arrived at from a study of the March record, that the people have decided to build roads to handle the traffic demands, that the great road-building program predicts for this is in progress, and that more attention than ever before is now paid to the construction through highways. Approved statements and agreements together called for \$9,559,571.30 of Federal aid for roads having an estimated cost of \$20,861,957.96. The number of projects was 174, as against 150 in March. The mileage was 1,443.76 as against 1,270.13.

The increase over the March record are: Number of projects 24, mileage 173.63, estimated cost \$3,302,347.89, Federal aid allowance \$2,819,732.13.

The statements approved during the month were 120, with a mileage of 923.53. The estimated cost of this mileage was \$16,261,326.51, as against \$14,425,114.87 for the projects approved in March, and by far the largest amount yet reached in a monthly record since Federal aid for roads became an accomplished fact. The Federal aid allowance for these projects was \$7,528,550.68, an increase over that for the previous month of \$2,066,393.96.

Agreements for fifty-five projects were signed by the Secretary of Agriculture. All but one were for projects approved to previous months. The Federal aid allowed for these projects was \$2,039,614.99, and the estimated cost of the roads \$4,626,415.48.

The total Federal aid agreements executed up to May 1, 1919, number 535, with a mileage of 4,624.83. The estimated cost amounts to \$39,059,327.44, and the Federal aid allowance to \$15,614,929.61.

In five States the cost of the new projects approved will be in excess of \$1,000,000, while in six other States the estimated cost runs from \$576,000 to \$908,000. The Federal aid allowance in these States runs from \$296,000 up, in four of them being more than \$500,000. In several of them the agreements executed greatly increase the estimated cost and the amount of Federal aid for projects which were considered during the month.

These States follow in the order named in the relative cost of the roads involved in the approved contracts: Georgia, 16 projects, 103.91 miles, estimated cost \$1,837,446.21. Federal aid \$873,182.05; Illinois, a single project, 65 miles long, estimated cost \$1,636,445.50, Federal aid \$818,222.75; Ohio, 7 projects, 35.36 miles long, cost \$1,241,677.02, Federal aid \$387,600; Connecticut, 1 project, 32.1 miles, estimated cost \$1,002,650, Federal aid \$501,325; Maryland, 7 projects, 23.93 miles, estimated cost \$908,347.77, Federal aid \$413,821.38; California, 3 projects, 40.69 miles long, estimated cost \$834,239.02, Federal aid \$448,969.51.—New York Times.