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As we understand it, the tobacco growers are trying to smoke 'em out instead of just chewing the rag.

The currency has not been inflated; but many of us are up in the air regarding what to use for money.

We understand that North Carolina has been having pains in its tobacco belt.

A headline says that "Creditors Ask Buncombe County For \$525,000". Yes, but asking is one thing and getting is something else.

New York Stock Exchange, the greatest gambling hell in the world, plumb bluffed the city out of payment of the tax as ordained. There's a tip for the rest of us; only we don't happen to be as important as Wall Street.

Stories from all over North Carolina show that where there have been deep cuts in valuations of property, it has inevitably resulted in largely increased tax rates. Jackson took a 10 per cent reduction in valuation, and a decrease in the tax rate, which gave such relief to the tax-payer as could be effected, and makes the tax rate look better to prospective buyers of Jackson county property.

From their editorial pages we would gather that the Greensboro News and the Asheville dailies were so opposed to the school law, that they really hope that it won't work, so that they may not be placed in the long line of false prophets. But it is to be remembered that it is in such cities as Asheville and Greensboro that they have had better facilities for educating their children than the rest of us could afford, tax ourselves never so high.

The newspaper headlines, a few days ago, announced 5,000 dead in the great storm that struck Tampa. Today the story says that 80 are known to have lost their lives. This is usual in great disasters, that they are at first exaggerated. Some times it is the other way around, and the horror grows as the details are learned; but the exaggeration and then minimization are the usual. So it is with most of the things that we worry about. At first they seem big to us—then, when we know the whole truth, they are smaller, and the time comes to all of us, here or there, when we find that the things that have given us the greatest concern, are immaterial, after all, and the things about which we give little thought, are the things that really count.

LOVE'S CHAPEL HAS A FAIR

The editor took a look in at the Lovedale Community Fair, last Saturday, and was so charmed that he went back again to have another look.

It was a delightful fair in a delightful community. Those folks out Love's Chapel way are really doing things. They have about the liveliest community club that is to be found anywhere in these parts, and club is directing community endeavor along right and diverse lines. The fair was but one of the many projects that the club has sponsored, and, while a small beginning of what the people expect to make it next year, was one of the best community fairs we have seen.

The people of Love's Chapel are to be congratulated upon their fair, which they propose to enlarge next year. Some very excellent exhibits were on display. The women of that community know how to sew, can, plan, cook, make butter, and are doing things that are worth while, and the fair attested that they have been busy. A live community club, with wide-awake leaders, such as is the case at Love's Chapel, in every community in the county, would effect an economic revolution in Jackson.

The Journal wishes that every community could have visited the Love's Chapel fair. Love's Chapel, the Hamburg section, and other live communities are leading the way to a more prosperous day in Jackson county.

Our hat is off to the community fair. May its tribe increase.

Thomas Price, 60-year old retired railway executive, was slain while taking a horseback ride with two companions, near his lodge on his large estate, on Lickstone Bald, across in Haywood, Sunday afternoon. Dewey Potter, Clarence Potter, Wayne Potter, brothers, and Eric Ledford, a cousin, are being held in Haywood

jail, charged with the murder. The Potters are well known in parts of Jaenson, having lived on Caney Fork for some years, with their father, a local Methodist preacher, though they are natives of Georgia. According to newspaper reports, the whole matter seems to have grown out of one of the Potters having been tried in a justice of the peace court in Waynesville on a charge of trespass on the Price estate. The Potters claimed to have control of the Big Ridge Mine property, adjoining Price's boundary, and it was on the mine land that Price was slain. A preliminary hearing is being held in Waynesville today. The Journal knows nothing of the facts that may be disclosed concerning the slaying of Price; but we do know that human life is entirely too cheap; that there have been too many killings of late; that the record along this line, in our Western counties is not good; and that it is most regrettable that a story should go out that an out-lander has been way laid and killed in our mountains. The lives and property of visitors have always been sacred in our mountains and we have a most enviable record along this line. The Asheville papers made much of the fact that the merchant with the slaying of Price are native to our North Carolina mountains.

BOLONEY.

There is a great deal of pot-holed down east about the school commission's ruling that children who live within two miles of a school shall not be transported in the buses. The commission passes the buck to the General Assembly, saying that a clause in the school machinery act tied the commission's hands. Brantley Wamble, one of Wake's representatives, counters by saying that the Assembly did no such thing, and had no such intention. He draws the law on 'em. The Act really says: "In all districts where transportation is provided, provision shall be made for transporting all children living more than two miles from the school building by way of the nearest traveled route; and unless road conditions or other reasons make it inadvisable buses shall be routed so as to get within one and one-half miles of all children entitled to transportation in said districts". So, we see that what the General Assembly really did was to make it mandatory upon the commission to furnish transportation to all children living more than two miles from the school, to so route buses as to bring them within a mile and a half of all children, when possible, and did not forbid the transportation of any child, no matter where he happens to live. Just how any reasonable man or commission could arrive at such a construction as has been put on the act, is beyond our understanding. The truth is that school authorities of the State were opposed to the adoption of the present school policy of the State, in furnishing equal advantages to all North Carolina children, and it is beginning to look very much as if somebody is conspiring to make the school machinery act unworkable and unpopular, with the hope of the State returning to the old, patch-work, crazy-quilt, grab-bag system that was in effect prior to the last General Assembly, and which levied a heavy burden of taxation upon the farm and home owners of the State, to such an extent that it had become confiscatory, in literally thousands of instances.

Newspapers and talkers are taking the position that it is dangerous for the children to walk to school, which may be so; but, we have noticed about several instances of death and injury to children on their way to or from school, this year, and can not recall a single one where the child was walking to school. Each instance has been where the child was either awaiting a bus or had just gotten off the bus. But that is beside the question we were discussing, which was that the General Assembly did not forbid the bus stopping for and transporting children, who live within two miles of the building, to or from school. As the high school boys and girls would express it, in the elegant language of the day "Boloney"!



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