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REVENUE MEASURE REQUIRES NO PROPERTY TAX FOR PENSIONS AND GENERAL FUNDS

No Property Tax Except For Schools and Expenses Of Counties.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 19.—For the first year in the history of the State except one, no tax will be levied upon property for the use of the State this year if the revenue act, submitted to the House of Representatives R. L. Doughton, for the joint finance committee and put upon its first reading in the lower House becomes law.

"With the approval by the people of the income tax amendment submitted by this General Assembly, I anticipate that in all probability the State will never again levy a tax for its own use upon the property of the State," said Representative Doughton when he presented the bill worked out by the committee and asked that it be put upon its first reading and be made a special order for today.

Friends of the measure hope it will pass its third reading, and on Saturday it will come to the upper house for action. There it is hoped to pass it through its third reading by Tuesday and adjournment of the special session.

OXFORD'S NEW POLICEMAN

Mr. Roscoe Clark Relieves Capt. Reid.

Capt. Reid, the big, fat jolly policeman, who wielded a billy in Oxford for two years, threw up his job a few days ago. He stated that three jobs with better pay were staring him in the face. He left Oxford a few days ago to look over the three jobs with a view of accepting the one that suits him best.

Mr. Roscoe Clark, a young man who has an enviable reputation as a detective and who is a first class marksman, has been given a temporary appointment to fill the position made vacant by Capt. Reid. Some of the commissioners express the opinion that Clark is rather young to serve as policeman, but those who are intimately acquainted with him state that he is as brave as a lion and as quick as a flash, and they hope that he will make good.

NORTH CAROLINA REVENUE OFFICERS ARE ACTIVE

Keeping a Close Watch On The Virginia-Carolina Border.

The most determined effort to break up moonshining in the border counties of Virginia and North Carolina is now in progress. For about two weeks officers from North Carolina have been stationed in Halifax and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia, working in squads of 12 and they have been joined by 38 Virginia officers. S. R. Brame, chief revenue agent, says that the time has come for a "show-down" and that the officers will remain where they are just as long as is necessary. Mr. Brame is at the same time launching his new policy of reaching for the "higher-ups," men who deal in malt, yeast, meal hops, and copper tubing, the plan being to seize these supplies when they are found billed to small rural precincts in quantities sufficient to excite suspicion. In this way it is hoped to establish a blockade on the two counties.

A GAME OF BASEBALL WITH A SPRINKLING OF PEP

The Married Men Tie The Single Men In The Tenth Inning.

A very interesting and amusing game of ball was played on the Horner diamond on Tuesday afternoon, between the Married and Single Men. At the end of the sixth inning the score stood 10 to 10. The Single Men played their half of the seventh making two runs and then left the field without giving the Married Men their inning at the bat. So the game was declared ended 10 to 10. Many amusing occurrences took place. The crowd consisted chiefly of the wives of the Married Men and the sweet-hearts of the Single.

OXFORD MAN HEARD ROOSEVELT

Mr. Blount Bryan Impressed With Mr. Roosevelt, Democratic Candidate For Vice-President.

On his trip north last week, Mr. Blount Bryan, son of Mr. C. W. Bryan, heard Mr. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for vice-president, deliver his acceptance speech at Hyde Park, New York. Mr. Bryan was very favorably impressed with the nominee. He said that he is a very handsome man, with good voice and gesture and possesses unusual magnetism.

RETAIL MERCHANTS OF SOUTH IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Aug. 20.—Caution in buying and selling, short contracts and careful watch over business conditions featured discussions in the open session of the Southern Retail Merchants' conference here today.

More than six hundred retail merchants are present. —Miss Nannie Noblin, of Goldsboro, was the pleasant guest of her sister, Miss Sudie May Noblin, at the residence of Dr. J. D. Harte this week.

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BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 1ST

Miss Tenny, of Chapel Hill, Elected Superintendent.

Dr. G. S. Watkins stated today that the managers expect to open Brantwood Hospital for the reception of patients on September 1st. Miss Tenny, of Chapel Hill, a lady of large experience in hospital work, has been elected superintendent of the hospital. Drs. Watkins, Thomas and Bullock have been implored separately and collectively by churches, fraternal organizations and private individuals in reference to endowing rooms or cots at the hospital. When asked as to how the matter stands, Dr. Watkins stated to the Public Ledger that the management of the hospital would be pleased to hear from all who desire to endow rooms. He said that it costs about \$150 to furnish a room.

SENATOR HARDING MARRIED A DIVORCED WOMAN

Her First Husband Became a Drunkard and She Sued For a Divorce and Was Restored to Her Maiden Name—Later She Married Senator Harding.

Much has been said in the public press about the divorce of Governor Cox, the Democratic nominee for President. But the true story and the circumstances have been told very little. On the other hand it has been said, though less frequently, that Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, married a divorced woman. Having heard this statement and desiring to verify the truth or falsity of the same, a good friend of the Public Ledger here in Oxford wrote to the Mayor of Marion, Ohio, and asked him about the matter. It seems that the Mayor sent the letter to Mr. Harding or his private secretary for answer. Here is the reply:

"Your letter of July 23rd addressed to the Mayor of Marion has been brought to my attention.—Mrs. Harding's first husband was Eugene de Wolf. He became a drunkard and did not support her, and she was compelled to go back to her father's home. She sued for divorce which was granted by the courts of Marion and she was restored to her maiden name. Some years later she married Senator Harding.

"Very sincerely,
"GEORGE B. CHRISTIAN, Sec."

IRREGULAR TAXATION

Mr. L. M. Carrington, Nelson, Va., Asks a Question.

Editor Public Ledger: We notice in The News and Observer of August 11th, that the official figures published in regard to taxable property in North Carolina, and note that the property value for taxes in Granville County in 1919 was \$12,047,343, and in 1920 according to the new valuation is 25,544,441 making an increase of 13,497,098 or a little more than double the old valuation. Now what puzzles me is, why we did not make larger gains. As far as I can learn the farms were raised from three to five times their original value (the writer's farm was raised five times) I feel sure that the farmers of Granville county would not object to having this discrepancy explained to them.

L. M. CARRINGTON, Nelson, Va., August 16.

WILL NOT PUBLISH LIST OF THE SLACKERS

Feared That It Might Damage Innocent Men.

Secretary of War Baker states that he has not fully decided to publish the list of draft evaders and deserters—those who dodged the draft or who, after registering for the draft, disappeared when called to service or before being called. He doubts the advisability of the publication because of the possibility of wronging innocent persons. It is impossible to keep the list absolutely accurate and it probably contains some innocent persons. The names are frequently gone over and corrected, but the fear that injustice may be done in even a few cases restrains the War Secretary from making the list public.

THE LEAST POPULOUS COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES

Cochrane County, Texas, Has Only 67 People.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Census of the least populous county in the country, Cochrane, Texas, was announced today by the census bureau. It has just 67 people. That is two more than enumerated ten years ago, making its growth slightly more than 3 per cent.

Cochrane is not the smallest county in the United States as it has an area of 869 square miles. Its density of population, therefore, is one person to approximately every 13 square miles. The county is located in northwestern Texas adjoining the New Mexican border. It is unorganized and hasn't even a postoffice. Cook county, Illinois, including the city of Chicago, probably is the most populous county in the country. Its population has not yet been announced, but is expected to exceed 2,500,000.

—Your battery should have water added every two weeks. Stop at Wildard Service Station.

HOW THE REVALUATION ACT AFFECTS GRANVILLE COUNTY

The tax rate in Granville county last year was \$1.60 on the \$100. The total revenue last year was about \$215,000. The total value of all property in the county last year was about \$11,000,000. The revaluation places it at \$28,958,734. It is not known what the tax rate in Granville county will be this year until the commissioners fix the rate.

The increase in the taxable property of the State under the revaluation act is more than two billion dollars. Naturally the largest increase is in real estate—estimated at \$1,474,755,100. The increase in personal property is \$397,489,018; in solvent credits \$124,490,338. The value of railroad property is doubled, the increase being \$125,169,540. The value of tobacco companies is increased \$54,244,167, cotton mills \$147,314,713, banks \$13,991,830, power companies \$48,152,982. The increase in income taxes listed is \$20,931,017. More than a million acres of land not on the tax books at all, was added to the listed taxables, while the number of polls listed for taxation was increased 20,754.

Under the old system the average tax rate for State and county purposes combined was \$1.45. Under the new and full value assessment the average rate will be 56 cents. Special tax levies in school districts and townships and taxes in incorporated towns will be added, but these will of course be decreased in proportion as State and county taxes have been decreased. In other words, limiting the rate so that the total collected will not be more than 10 per cent over that of last year, applies to the municipal and special tax levies as well as to State and county levies.

The fear so often expressed that a low tax rate and full value assessment would tempt tax-levying authorities to extortance that would impose heavy burdens, will be safeguarded by the submission of a constitutional amendment fixing the limit of the tax levy at a low rate, so that extra taxes can be levied only by a vote of the people.

Under the new system, some people will pay more taxes, some will pay less. Those who pay more will as a rule be those whose property has been undervalued and who have escaped their just share of the tax burden. Those who will pay less have been paying more than their just share.

CLAY COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE

Scotland County Has The Lowest Rate In The State.

Under revaluation the highest tax rate in the State is to prevail in the little county of Clay. It will be \$1.30 on the \$100, but this is a reduction from a previous rate of \$2.74 3-4. Scotland comes down from \$1.05 to 28 cents, which is the lowest rate in the State. According to The Charlotte Observer there are only five counties in which the rate will reach or exceed \$1. The average reduction is 56 cents, which establishes an average rate of 10 cents for the future. The Corporation Commission makes contention that while other States have gone through the same process of valuing property at 100 per cent actual value, only a few have been so successful in supplementing their property tax with revenue from other resources and none of them so frugal in appropriations and expenditures of public funds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dates and Places Where Pictures Will Be Shown.

The dates and places where Community Service pictures will be shown for the next two weeks follows:

August.	
Creedmoor	24
Providence	25
Stovall	26
Stem	27
Wilton	30
Wilbourne	31

September.

Cornwall	1
Knapp of Reeds	3
Bethel	4
Culbreth	4

OPPRESSIVE WEATHER DUE TO BOTTLED-UP BODY HEAT

Lack of Air Circulation Is Worse Than Temperature and Humidity.

The oppressive weather of the last few days is not due to the high temperature; neither is it due to the humidity of the atmosphere, as most people think, according to the United States weather experts. "It is due to a combination of causes starting with the heat, but being made critical by the fact that lack of circulation in the air makes it impossible for the internal heat of the human body to evaporate quickly through the perspiration pores."

POPULATION OF THREE NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS

Warsaw	1108
Mt. Olive	2297
Fremont	1294

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE RATIFIED THE FEDERAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

If the Ratification Is Legal Nearly Twenty-Seven Million Women Will Be Entitled To Vote In The Presidential Election In November.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 19.—Tennessee yesterday ratified the Federal woman suffrage amendment, the lower house of the legislature by a vote of 50 to 46 occurring in the action of the senate, which last Friday adopted the ratification resolution by a vote of 25 to 4.

Although it was the thirty-sixth state to act favorably and the amendment should become effective as soon as certified by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, whether 26,833,566 women of the country would vote in the Presidential election in November remained to be determined. The house still has an opportunity to step off its action and preliminary steps for testing the legality of ratification by the legislature, if reconsideration should fail to upset it, already has been taken by the Tennessee Constitutional League on the ground that the assembly had no authority to act.

"Passing the Buck"

The lower house of the general assembly, following the favorable action of the senate a few days ago, voted to ratify the suffrage amendment. Instead of passing the buck, as the North Carolina senate did, the Tennesseans stood up and were counted.

Close and Dramatic.

The fight was close and dramatic. It was full of thrills and dangerous incidents. Burn, republican from McGinn county, took the advice of his mother and reached the eleventh hour decision. He looks like a schoolboy. His vote was listed with the opponents of the measure and Speaker Walker expected it, but as the clerk reached his name he answered "yes" and made possible a majority.

Here To Stay.

The contest is not over yet, for Speaker Walker, as a last effort to prevent ratification, changed his vote from "no" to "yes" and moved reconsideration, which gives him the privilege of carrying the measure in his pocket for two days to be called up any time he sees fit.

It is believed, however, that he will never succeed in changing the results of the vote, and that after 48 hours the secretary of state can certify that Tennessee has ratified the suffrage amendment.

THE RATIFICATION

The Women of the United States Will Vote In The November Election.

Secretary Colby has his pen ready to proclaim suffrage for the women the moment he receives official ratification from the Governor of Tennessee. The Democratic candidate for President makes the impressive declaration that through the action of the Tennessee Legislature, "the civilization of the world is saved." His faith is founded on the Americanism of the vote of the women of the Nation will cast. They will "stay the hand of war and repudiate those who trifle with a great principle," which is as much as saying that the vote of the women of the country will be cast for the League of Nations.

REJECTS AMENDMENT BUT WILL HAVE TO ENACT NECESSARY VOTING MACHINERY

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—The Senate having voted to postpone consideration of the amendment until the regular session of the Legislature which convenes next January, the action of the House today virtually ends the ratification fight in this State until that time. As the matter now stands, the general assembly in special session at this time, will be called upon to enact proper legislation for women to vote in this state this fall, Tennessee having ratified.

New Semi-Weekly.

A copy of the first issue of the Smithfield Observer reaches our desk. It is a handsome 12-page semi-weekly and as a pin. They start off with a \$30,000 plant. The editors are: Miss Gertrude C. Caraway, of New Berne, for several years connected with the High School Department of Turlington School, Smithfield, and S. S. Holt.

—Harry K. Davis, a traveling salesman of Charlotte, was given a hearing Saturday and placed under a \$750 bond, charged with seduction. The warrant for arrest was issued at the instigation of Miss Dorothy Sternberger, of Salisbury. They registered at Lincolnton as husband and wife and were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. She stated that Davis had promised to marry her after he got a divorce in September.

—One dozen men are applying for the position of postmaster in Greensboro, the present postmaster having resigned.

REMAINS OF NATHANIEL YANCEY ARRIVES FROM OVERSEAS

Remains Will Be Laid To Rest Today At Corinth Colored Church, Oak Hill.

The body of Nathaniel B. Yancey, a colored boy whose name was drawn in the first draft, arrived in Oxford from overseas Wednesday morning and were transferred to the undertaking establishment of Mr. J. Robert Wood, pending removal to the residence of James Yancey, father of the dead soldier, in Oak Hill township, where the remains will be laid to rest at Corinth Colored Church this afternoon.

The remains were shipped from Brest, France, via Liverpool to New York. A soldier accompanied the remains to Oxford, where he was laid to rest at Corinth Colored Church this afternoon.

This colored boy left Oxford early in the spring of 1917, and with him were 92 other colored boys, the largest unit that ever left Oxford in a bunch. We remember that Dr. N. C. Daniel, who had a parting word with the soldiers after they were in line at the court house, remarked that "some of you boys will never return." Whatever the result may be, he was faithful in all things. This boy was a son of a former slave of Dr. Daniel's father, and both the Doctor and the colored soldier boy were visibly touched when they met on this solemn occasion.

Yancey died of pneumonia in a hospital at Brest, France, on Nov. 13, 1917. His remains were the first of the Granville county soldiers to reach home. The box in which he came contained 36 cubic feet equivalent of being six feet long, three feet wide and two feet deep. The weight marked on the box was 650 pounds. The casket within the wooden box was of aluminum half inch thick and hermetically sealed. The box was draped in a huge American flag, which covered the top and hung over both sides and both ends. The name rank, organization, place of burial including the grave number, cemetery number and zone number, were stenciled on the end of the box.

CROPS DAMAGED IN TALLY HO

Thieves Enter The Granville Auto Car Garage and Make Way With \$200 Worth Of Goods.

Stem, N. C., August 20.—Crops in this section have been severely damaged by the heavy and excessive rainfall of the past two weeks. Late tobacco and corn are especially cut off and farmers cannot house tobacco fast enough. In many fields succors are blooming out, owing to the scarcity of labor.

—The Granville Auto Car Garage was broken into Monday night and several auto tires, several pumps, chains, etc., were stolen. The loss is estimated at \$200. The thieves entered by the front door, the heavy staple to which the lock was fastened, being broken. No clue to the guilty parties has been unearthed at the present writing.

—As a result of the protracted meeting which closed at Stem church Sunday night, seventeen united with the church on confirmation of faith and the membership was greatly revived. Rev. A. L. Wilcox, of Trinity Church, Durham, assisted the pastor in the meeting, and is considered the ablest preacher who has been here in a number of years.

—Miss Bessie Overby, of Richmond, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Oxford Route 6.

—Mr. J. E. Duncan, of Route 3, had a fine barn of primings burned Saturday. It was a nice building and had been used only two weeks.

—Mr. I. E. Harris, owner of the Creedmoor Auto Co., was a visitor in Stem Tuesday. He is optimistic over the business outlook and believes there are good times ahead.

—Miss Hallie Moore, Chief of the investigation unit of the central division, Washington, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore, Route 3, returned to Washington Monday.

—Messrs. T. W. Moore, Harper Minor, Robert Hardee and Zohab O'Brien of Stem, left Monday for Leamington, Ontario, Canada, where they will engage in the tobacco business for a few months.

—Mr. John H. Royster, of Oxford Route 6, is attending the sixth annual session of Deaf Mutes held in Durham this week.

—Mrs. Emma Clayton is on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Tom Montague, of Shady Grove section.

—Elder John McConnell, of New York City, who has been on a visit to Upper and Lower Live Primitive Associations, left Saturday for home.

MILLIONAIRE DRAFT DODGER GETS FOUR YEARS IN PEN

New York, Aug. 19.—Erwin R. Bergdoll of Philadelphia has been found guilty of desertion from the army by evading the draft and sentenced to four years hard labor at Fort Leavenworth.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE LUMBERTON TOBACCO MARKET

The Public Ledger is reliably informed that tobacco prices on the Lumberton market has increased \$10 over those of last week. There is also an upper tendency in the prices on the South Carolina markets.

AMERICAN TOBACCO MAY PAY THE BIG FRENCH DEBT HERE

(New York World)

There were reports in Wall street yesterday that arrangements have been practically completed in France by which the French portion of the Anglo-French loan will be paid at maturity and that a substantial part of the funds to meet this obligation will be supplied by American tobacco interests.

Thomas F. Ryan sailed for Paris last month to conduct negotiations for purchase of the French tobacco concessions, and a few days after his arrival in France he cabled to George J. Whelan, his associate in the Ryan-Duke-Whelan syndicate, to join him at once. Mr. Whelan has been in France for two weeks, and the story was abroad in Wall Street yesterday that the tobacco monopoly has been leased, or sold, to the American syndicate. This syndicate will form a French company, which will be nominally under French management, although the capital will be supplied by American banks.

FARM FOLKS WILL HAVE GREAT EVENT

Eighteenth Annual Convention of Farmers and Farm Women Aug. 24-26.

Granville county is expected to be well represented at the eighteenth annual convention of the North Carolina farmers and farm women, which will begin at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 24, at State College, West Raleigh. Besides Mr. Dove, county farm agent, and Mrs. Capehart, home demonstration agent who are expected to attend, a delegation of farmers and their wives will likely go from here.

The program starts with a joint session of men and women in Pullen Hall and addresses of welcome by President W. C. Diddick of the State College; Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Governor T. W. Bickett. Following these speakers comes an address by Clarence Dea, President of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention.

NEW COAL RATE TO SOUTH ANNOUNCED

Southern Railway Announces Schedules Under New Freight Tariffs.

In order that consumers of domestic coal at points where a considerable portion of the fuel supply is received over the lines of the Southern Railway System may know to what extent the price of coal is by the increased freight rates per ton from coal fields, from which the supply to each of the representative points named is normally moved, is given out by the Freight Traffic Department of the Southern Railway System:

Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh, N. C. Coal Creek, Appalachia and Dante, old rate \$3.00, new rate \$3.75.

Danville, Va., Coal Creek and Appalachia, old rate \$3.10, new rate \$3.87 1-2.

Charlotte, N. C., Coal Creek, Appalachia and Dante, old rate \$2.70, new rate \$3.37 1-2.

WILL HONOR UNUSED TICKETS SOLD PRIOR TO AUGUST 26

Partially used round trip or tourist tickets sold prior to August 26 will be honored to destination and returning to original starting point in accordance with tariff under which the ticket was sold without any additional charge, according to announcement made by the passenger tariff department of the Southern railway system in connection with advance fares for Inter-State passenger travel and sur-charge for use of sleeping or parlor car space to become effective August 25. Like-wise one-way tickets sold prior to August 26 held by passengers actually en route on August 26 will be honored to destination without additional charge. Round-trip tourist tickets sold prior to August 26 and upon which going passage has not commenced by that date will not be honored for passage on or after August 26, but will be redeemed at fares paid thereof.

NEW COUNTERFEIT INDUSTRY

Three Gangs Have Been Arrested For Making Stamps.

A new counterfeiting "industry" has followed in the wake of prohibition. Chief Moran, of the Treasury Secret Service, says: "This industry is the counterfeiting of the trip label revenue stamp that goes over the corks of whiskey bottled in bond. Those engaged in the manufacture of whiskey are prepared to use these stamps." Three gangs have already been arrested for making the stamps!

"Damn" is not a cuss-word in Georgia, Supreme court rulings to that effect successfully introduced in court in Atlanta by a traveling man who cheerfully admitted that he had "damned" the baggage man who took ten minutes to find his trunk and made him miss a train. After hearing the evidence, the case was dismissed, as the traveling man brought forward numerous decisions to show that "damn" was neither profane nor vulgar. The traveling man admitted that he used "damn" three times. It was timely, pointed.