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## AN HONEST WAY IN WHICH TO MAKE A COMPARISON OF TAXES

Based On a Careful Study of the Figures for the Last Four Years. In this campaign Republican speakers and newspapers are making a desperate effort to arouse prejudice against the Revaluation Act by saying that its effect is to cause land to bear a larger share of the burdens of taxation than other forms of property. But they are always careful to make comparisons between the years 1919 and 1920 and not between 1920 and the last reassessment year.

It is true that land will this year pay a larger share of the taxes than it did last year. It always does this in the year in which land is revalued, as compared with the preceding year. The reason is apparent to any one who reasons at all. Land was last assessed in 1915 and its valuation remained stationary on the books for five years. All the while it was increasing in value, but the increase did not find its way to the books. Personalty was revalued every year, and all increases in personal property found their way to the books for each of the years 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and finally in 1920. If any one has cause for complaint on account of this it is the owner of personal property and not the owner of land, for while land held a fixed position on the books for four years, personalty increased each year.

The only fair and honest way in which to make a comparison, if such is desired, is to make it for the years 1915 and 1920, the years in which land was revalued. We find that in these years land increased from \$421,000,000 to \$1,981,000,000, and personalty \$210,000,000 to \$813,000,000. This was about four and one-half times for land and four times for personalty. When it is remembered that this year an exemption of \$300 was allowed instead of \$25, it will be seen that during the five year period the two forms of property have preserved their relative proportions on the tax-books.

It will be interesting also to make the comparison for other forms of property for the five years. Cotton mills increased from \$26,000,000 to \$295,000,000 or nearly eight times, corporation excess from \$7,000,000 to \$20,000,000 or nearly three times, power companies from \$10,000,000 to \$56,000,000 or nearly six times, and railroads from \$125,000,000 to \$250,000,000 or double. It is objected that land and other forms of property have increased more than railroads. It is true that railroads were not increased so much as the other forms of property, but that can be readily understood when it is remembered that because of the heavy strain to which they were subjected during the war, the lack of equipment which the low rates have prevented their obtaining, railroads are in much worse condition than any other kind of property in the state.

It should be remembered that railroads pay a reasonable mileage tax and that all corporations pay a franchise tax. As a consequence it will be found that they pay considerably more taxes in proportion to the actual value of property owned than the land owner does. Any study of this subject, and any examination of the figures will reveal to any unprejudiced mind the fairness and the honesty of the Democratic program for taxation and social betterment in North Carolina.

## UNIVERSITY OPENS WITH ROSTER 1273

Of These 1,043 Are in Academic Studies; Others Are Specializing. Chapel Hill, Sept. 29.—The University of North Carolina has opened its 126th session with the largest number of students in its history. The first four days of registration showed a total of 1,273 students, which is larger than ever before at this time. Last year the total for the entire winter session was 1,406, but university officials say that this number will be surpassed before the year is out.

Of those at Chapel Hill now 411 are freshmen and 623 are in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, making a total of 1,043 in the academic department. The professional schools registered as follows: Law 76; pharmacy, 61; medicine, 58 and the graduate school has 35 students. The dormitories and the town of Chapel Hill are crowded to their utmost capacity. Many rooms have four students each and it has been necessary to throw open class rooms at night so that men could use them for study.

## TRAITORS, GOMPERS CALLS PEACE FOES

World Wants International Accord, Not Through Arms, But Nations' League. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, in an address delivered recently at Driving Park, Columbus, Ohio, denounced as traitors to the republic the men who are endeavoring to bar the entry of the United States into the League of Nations.

"I hold," said Mr. Gompers, "that the men and the group of men who stand in the way of the advancement of the peace program as at present outlined are traitors to the republic of the United States. We want peace, not by being armed to the teeth, all over the world but by the international agreement under the league of Nations, the best covenant ever done in the history of the civilized world."

## HON. CHARLES M. STEDMAN WILL SPEAK HERE

One of the Most Learned Men in Congress. Hon. Charles M. Stedman will address the citizens of Granville county at the Court-house in Oxford on Thursday night Oct. 7th, at 8 o'clock. Major Stedman has been the honored representative of this District in Congress for the past eight years and has done valiant service for his state and nation. Let all come out to hear this distinguished speaker.

A. A. HICKS, Chairman.

## A WEEK OF BIG THINGS

Next Week Will Be Crowded With Events Worthwhile in Oxford. Next Tuesday is the opening day of Granville Fair, which is always an event not only in Oxford but in Granville county. The farmers from all sections of the county and many from surrounding counties will meet here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and swap experiences in farming and tell about the big crops they have made.

Brass Band and Amusements. A high-class brass band will head the line of march to the fair grounds each forenoon. The Bright Light Shows is a strong, clean amusement feature, and the exhibits are expected to be the largest in years.

Stores Will Close Wednesday. Miss B. R. Powell, secretary of the Merchants' Association, announces that all members of the association will close their stores from 12 to 3 o'clock Wednesday, the second day of the fair, so as to enable their forces to see the fair.

## MRS. BICKETT APPEALS TO WOMEN TO REGISTER

Duty to Accept Responsibility of the Ballot and Aid in Work of Government. (Raleigh Special.)

Declaring that woman has not come into the kingdom of politics to wrest from man the reins of power, but rather to be his help-meet, Mrs. Thomas Walter Bickett, wife of the governor, has issued an appeal to the women of the state to register and participate in the November elections. The appeal is all the more interesting because Mrs. Bickett was not of the ranks of those who militantly espoused the right to vote. She has always felt that voting was a responsibility rather than a right, and now that the responsibility has been put on the shoulders of the women of America, she believes it their duty to accept it in good faith and to begin aright by participating in the elections at their first opportunity.

## TIME AND PLACES OF DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING

Some Of the Big Guns Are Gattis, Carlton and Parham.

The county candidates will address the voters of Granville county at the following times and places: Friday night, Oct. 1st at Stovall. Saturday night, Oct. 2nd, at Creedmoor.

Friday night, Oct. 8th, at Wilton. Saturday night, Oct. 9th, at Stem. Hon. B. W. Parham, our candidate for Representative, will be with the candidates at each of these places and Hon. L. M. Carlton, candidate for the State Senate, will also be present and address the voters. The speaking will begin at each place at 7:30.

Hon. S. M. Gattis will be present and speak at Creedmoor on Saturday night Oct. 2nd.

Other distinguished speakers will be present and address the voters upon the issues at each of the above mentioned places.

A. A. HICKS, Chairman.

## CAPT. ROYSTER COULD NOT ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING

He Has Well Defined Views On What Should Be Done To Compensate Soldiers of World War. Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., who was recently elected a delegate to the American Legion, which met in Cleveland this week, was detained at home on account of business.

Capt. Royster has well defined views on what should be done to compensate the soldiers of the World War, and many of the soldiers here expressed regrets that he could not attend the Cleveland meeting.

## MAIL ROBBERY BETWEEN ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE

More Than \$300,000 Worth of Liberty Bonds and Many Diamonds Stolen. Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—A mail robbery in which more than \$300,000 worth of Liberty bonds and twelve karats of unset diamonds were stolen between Atlanta and Charlotte on September 9 was disclosed yesterday afternoon by post office inspectors following the arrest of Ivy W. West, 24, who was taken into custody at the home of his wife here.

From Monroe and Knight the inspectors declared were recovered all but \$16,500 of the bonds and several of the diamonds. After the arrest of West Postal Inspector W. J. Dixon recovered at a local pawn shop a \$500 Liberty bond which had been sold for \$400, and a diamond ring valued at \$750 which had been pawned for \$250. On West's person was found between \$8,000 and \$9,000 in cash.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

## MRS. BRUMMITT APPEALS TO WOMEN WORKERS

Members of the Woman's Club—Fellow Workers:

As the time draws near for our county fair, I'm wondering if we are giving that occasion due consideration. This is a Fair of much more than ordinary interest to us. We have heard it said that if this Fair is not a success we will probably never have another. It is not for me to argue the merits of a county fair. But it is for me to appeal to you fellow club members, and to all the women of the town and county not only to make this Fair no less successful than those in the past, but to combine efforts and make it the best we've ever had. This is a Woman's Fair. It is being managed by one of our own members. One who has served our club, and the women of our county for years, with the best of her interest and energy.

Are we going to allow Mrs. Capehart to be disappointed in our entries?

While "blue ribbons" are for only a few, if every one of our hundred and more members will make some exhibit, nearly a shelf will be full, which would otherwise be empty.

There is another way we can help make the Fair a success—by furnishing floats in addition to those entered by the business firms.

Organizations such as clubs, classes in the schools, Boys and Girls Scouts, etc., might add greatly to the interest of the occasion by decorating cars, trucks, and pony carts.

The Health Department of the Woman's Club has found it impossible to procure nurses from the State Health Department to assist in the Better Baby contest. Only recently has the plan been given up with a great deal of disappointment.

The Health Department will have a rest-room in the Fair Hall, to which mothers will be invited to bring their tired little folks and the older children may be weighed and measured.

Other departments of the Club, the Household Economics, and the Garden and Forestry department are working on interesting programs to be carried out at the Fair.

Be members, let me urge you again, not to depend on the heads of departments to represent us but let us every one feel it an individual responsibility and contribute in some way to make the Fair of 1920, worth while. MRS. D. G. BRUMMITT, President of Woman's Club.

## AMERICAN LEGION ADOPTS REPORT ON COMPENSATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Provides For Additional Pay, or Training, or Farm or Home, or Land Settlement.

The American Legion in annual session in Cleveland this week adopted the report of the committee on adjusted compensation amid an uproar. The report recommended that the Legion gave its unqualified support to the House bill which is now pending before the Senate providing for an optional plan of compensation for soldiers of the world war.

The provisions of the bill are: "1. Adjusted service pay, based on length of service, or

"2. Adjusted service certificates, maturing in twenty years, based on length of service, or

"3. Vocational training, or

"4. Farm or home aid, or

"5. Land settlement for which 31 states have already made, through their State legislatures, provisions for cooperation."

The report also directed the national executive committee to take such actions as it may deem necessary to ensure prompt passage of the bill.

J. W. Gaillbraith, Jr., of Cincinnati, was unanimously elected national commander of the American Legion.

## COL. ALBERT COX HEADS OLD HICKORY ASSOCIATION

Nashville Gets Next Reunion Of Old Hickory Association. Col. Albert Lyman Cox in his absence was elected president of the Old Hickory Association of World War veterans which concluded a three day blaze of glory in Asheville last Wednesday.

Fully five thousand veterans of three states, North and South Carolina and Tennessee, were in attendance upon the session.

Gen. E. E. Fuller, who commanded Company E when it was ordered into service from Oxford, and a number of other soldiers from Granville, whose names we could not get, attended the Asheville meeting.

## WITH \$300 CHECK GEN. CARR MATCHES WILSON

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, Has "Matched Wilson" With a Contribution Of \$500 to the Democratic National Campaign Fund. He forwarded a check for \$500 to the Charlotte Observer this week. In a very brief note to The Observer, accompanying the check, General Carr says, "Don't you forget the state campaign."

General Carr is known in every section of North Carolina as a staunch democrat. He has given financial support to the party in both state and national campaigns for many years. General Carr has not only contributed financial support, but he has given much of his time and effort to the party's cause.

## THE BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Registrars Will Be At Polling Places All Day For Four Saturdays, Beginning On Next Saturday—Books However, Are Now Open For Enrolling.

Registration books for all qualified voters opened in Granville county yesterday morning, along with those in all other sections of the State. The books will remain open until and including Saturday, October 23. On each of the four Saturdays within that period of time the registrars will be at the regular polling places for the purpose of registering those who may call.

The elections this year will be unique and different from any others ever cast in North Carolina, in that the women will vote. A ruling by Attorney General Manning is that the women will not of necessity have to give their ages when registering. All that is necessary is that they take the oath to support the Constitution, and declare themselves to be "above" 21 years of age.

It is especially desired that all persons qualified will take advantage of the opportunity to register, so that they may participate in the election in November. This is especially true of the women, and a special effort is to be made to get them to qualify. J. B. Powell, chairman of the County Board of Elections, said today that "woman will register and vote exactly as men, except that it will not be necessary for them to declare their age beyond showing that they are 21 years old. They are not required at this election to have paid poll tax."

Registrars and judges of election in all of the precincts of the county were announced recently by Mr. Powell.

## THE FRECKLE FACED BOY GOT THE JOB

Fresh From the Farm and Willing to Work Like the Dickens.

It is related how a prominent Granville county merchant, who advertised for a clerk, was able to make a selection from the list of applicants. "To the first applicant he asked: 'Why do you wish to work for me—just give me your reasons for wanting this place.'"

"Well," replied the youth, "father said it was time I got out and did some work, and I thought I'd as soon work for you as anybody." The merchant did not think the place would suit the young man.

A second one applied. Said the merchant, "tell me why do you wish to work for me?" You see, said the applicant, "I haven't been right well lately, and I thought if I got out and did some work, maybe it might help me."

After a while a third came in, and the merchant made the same inquiry of him. "Well," said the tired looking applicant, "the work where I've been was hard, and I concluded I'd look for something easy." He too was rejected.

At last a freckle faced boy came in evidently just from the farm, and he said to the proprietor to him, "tell me why you have come to get work in my store. The country boy said, 'well, it was this way, I've got to get my living, and I know well I've got to work like the dickens to get it, and somehow it struck me, that you and me might hit it off together.'"

It is needless to say, that he got the job.

## THE TOBACCO EXHIBITS AT THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Mr. E. A. Hunt will have charge of the tobacco exhibit at the Granville County Fair next week. There are a number of premiums offered this year.

First and second are white wrappers; first and second on mahogany wrappers, cutters, smokers and fillers. There is also a first and second premium for a collection of five pounds each of smokers, cutters, wrappers and fillers.

The weight has been reduced to 5 pounds of each of the grades exhibited instead of 10 pounds as heretofore.

It is hoped that tobacco growers will make a special effort to get out a good tobacco exhibit, notwithstanding the fact that tobacco has a black eye now, still Granville county is primarily a tobacco county, and will continue to be a tobacco county. Therefore it is essential that the growers make as good showing as possible.

## THE NORTH CAROLINA TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

The Central Committee Meets In Raleigh Today. The Central Committee of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association will meet in Raleigh today.

It was stipulated in the recent meeting in Raleigh that the association will abide by the decision of the central committee as to the disposition of the crop, etc.

Senator T. G. Currin of Granville, is vice president of the association and Mr. Eugene Moss is a member of the central committee. Both will attend the meeting in Raleigh today.

## MRS. HOOK NOMINATED FOR CHARLOTTE MAYOR

Charlotte, Sept. 29.—At a meeting of the "Good Fellows" club today with four hundred men present, Mrs. C. C. Hook, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, was nominated for mayor of Charlotte to succeed Mayor Mc-Ninch, who steps out October 1st. Several men were nominated but Mrs. Hook's vote was over 90 per cent of those present.

## J. BRYAN GRIMES WILL SPEAK AT THE FAIR HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, will speak at the Granville County Fair on Wednesday next.

Mr. Grimes is a fine speaker, a big farmer and he will probably have something interesting to say on the tobacco question.

## IMPRESSIVE SERVICE FOR THE GREEKS HELD LAST SUNDAY

The Holy Rite Beautifully Explained By Dr. Horsfield.

Last Sunday the celebration of the Holy Eucharist according to the Greek Rite, was solemnized in St. Stephen's Church. The liturgy of St. Chrysostom was used. There are other Liturgies used for this Holy Rite, but St. Chrysostom's is the one ordinarily used. The service was intoned throughout, even to the rendering of the Gospel for the Day, as no instrumental music is used in the Eastern Church, the home of the best ecclesiastical music in the Christian world.

The Rev. Papa Pavlos, in charge of the Greek Church in Richmond, Va., was the Celebrant, vested in the beautiful apparel used in the Divine Office. Several Greeks from Durham was present with the Greeks of Oxford, but only those who had prepared themselves in Sacramental Confession received the Sacred Elements at the Chancel steps, which in a Greek Church would have been before the entrance of the Holy Doors. The consecrated Bread was dipped into the consecrated wine, intinction, as it is called. Afterwards a platter of Broken Bread, Blessed, but not consecrated, was passed through the congregation for each one to take a bit, in token of attendance at the Service, without participation. A Memorial Pillow of wheat and confections, lighted with two candles, was on a table in the Chancel during the Service, and afterwards broken and distributed at the Church door, in token of prayers for the forgiveness of the sins of the Departed. A picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary was used during the Liturgy, and the congregation Blessed during the exhibition of the Holy Cross. The candles used were of beeswax, for the reason that the bees use the flowers only. The solemn and simple music, and reverent attitudes of the officiants and worshippers made the Holy Rite very impressive.

The Greeks thank our people for their attendance, and their interest and reverent attention.

## TAKE THE PUBLIC LEDGER BY THE YEAR

The fall is here and everybody soon will have some money. We hope to add a large number of subscribers to our subscription list. We want the people to take the Public Ledger and hope all who can do so will take it for at least a year at a time. If you subscribe for only six months we have to make the same entries on our books as if you took it for a year. Besides it is more trouble for you to look after it when you take it a shorter time than a year. You should look at the label on your papers and before your subscription expires send us a check for two dollars for the following year. Do not wait to come to Oxford to subscribe or to renew your subscription. It takes but little time to renew by sending check and then your name does not have to be taken off and later placed back on the list. If you send check before your time is out you will not miss any papers. We ask the people of Granville county to cooperate with us in enlarging the Public Ledger circulation. Take it yourself and if you like the paper, speak a good word for us to your neighbors and get us some subscribers. We can not get around to see everybody but you can help us out where you are. We will greatly appreciate your help.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

The Better Grades Are More In Demand This Week. The Oxford tobacco market has shown a decided advance during the entire week. The better grades, which are more in evidence this week than last, are in good demand.

All the big companies are bidding freely on tobacco that shows quality. Prices on low grades remain very reasonable, and it seems to be the opinion of tobacco dealers that such tobacco will remain so if dumped on the market at present.

It is estimated that not more than a quarter of a million of pounds of the weed has been sold on the market since the first day of the season. The Public Ledger does not know what the general average is for all sold, but we venture the assertion that the Oxford market leads all the markets in the State as to general average.

## JEWELRY AND THE MAIL ORDER HOUSES

A large number of catalogues from mail order houses have found their way into the homes of many Granville county people in the last few weeks. Mr. E. A. Johnson, manager of the Oxford Jewelry Company, got hold of one of the catalogues. We happened to be passing the store while Mr. Johnson was examining the prices in the big 300-page book. "Look here," he said, "let me show you something," as he began to turn the leaves. Strange to relate that the guaranteed goods in his store, especially the gold and silver articles, were twenty per cent lower than those listed in the catalogue. Some of the articles listed in the catalogue were not backed by a guarantee. It is indeed strange why some people prefer to patronize mail order houses before making inquiries nearer at home.

## THE SLOW BUT GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITIONS

There Is Nothing In the Present or Prospective Situation That Would Justify a Calamity Howl. (Charlotte Observer)

During the past week the public mind was more largely concerned with affairs economic than political. It was during the week that the first decided manifestations of an industrial and commercial return to pre-war conditions were developed. "Things had been coming down" in premonitory fashion for several months, but not in manner to produce any very general effects, though to the business world it operates as a warning as distinct as the creaking of the ice with the coming of a thaw. Merchants and manufacturers were given ample time in which to adjust their affairs against the coming of the slump and the first process was curtailment of orders to coincide with the curtailment by the buying public. That resulted in a general easement in business activities and brought about what is commonly called a season of "dull times."

Then came the long strides in the back-to-normal movement. An automobile manufacturer of general fame made a decision overnight, as it were, that the prices for his product should be restored to the figures prevailing before the war. This was followed a day or so after by announcement of a cut in prices of cotton goods by a controlling New England factor. Swiftly ensued the news of price-cutting by large houses in Chicago and other cities, and before the week was ended there was a sloughing off in prices of commodities of various kinds. The first to feel the effects of the slump in prices, as a matter of course, was the farmer. It is possible that the growers of tobacco and cotton were too confidently expecting war prices to hold up for the present season. They had no reason to expect maintenance of prices that existed last year before the country had more nearly approached the inevitable period for "deflation."

The wheat farmer of the West is caught in the prevailing slump, and the country finds these three major producing classes, led by political influences, howling calamity, when, as a matter of fact, there is no calamity in sight.

The country is simply undergoing a readjustment process that has been delayed longer than financial and industrial authorities had believed would have been possible. There is absolutely no danger in the situation, the thing that is happening now is the thing that was bound to come and is best the sooner over with. The people must lose sight of one important fact and that is, that back of the situation is the soundest financial institution in the world—the Federal Reserve System that was given to the country by a Democratic Administration. As long as the business of the Nation is backed with all the money it needs to carry it through just such a condition as is now developing, so long is the country safe. The loss of profits is going to fall on no particular class; it will be evenly distributed among the people of the country at large.

The fact should be borne in mind, however, that there is nothing in the present or prospective situation that would justify a calamity howl. On the contrary, it is a situation the coming of which the public should welcome because of the proposition we have laid down that the sooner the country gets back to the old basis the better. The very worst that may be said for the readjustment period upon which the country has entered is that it means the elimination of the spirit of greed and return to conditions of sanity.

## PUBLIC INSTRUCTION BROOKS GIVES WARNING TO TEACHERS

Those Who Sign Up With One School and Break Their Contract Will Be Barred From Participation In General Fund.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 30.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction E. C. Brooks has notified all city and county superintendents that the state board will not recognize teachers who sign up with one school system and then break their contracts. There is no law against breaking these contracts, but the ruling of the board is that no salary for that particular teacher will be provided from the general educational funds of the state.

Should a teacher begin work for one city or one county, and break that contract to go to another city or county, the school committee to which she goes will have to provide the pay for the full term, for the state will not provide money for teachers breaking their contracts.

Dr. Brooks also calls attention to another ruling which must be observed in the preparation of budgets: That all teachers of recognized proficiency in the system, having no high school or college credits, who have had experience of at least ten years may be rated in the highest grade of the class in which he or she is certified, provided such teachers have had continued service in the same school for five years.

## AL MEADOWS DEAD

Al Meadows, the colored boy who was slashed with a razor at a colored picnic at Satterwhite last Saturday, died in the hospital at Henderson last Monday.

Neal Allen, the colored boy who cut Meadows in seven places, is at large.