

A Colyum Of Thoughts From Here There, Yonder

(By W. BRODIE JONES)

The Revaluation Act is an honest attempt to give every taxpayer a square deal. Its supreme aim is to inculcate honesty and discourage those efforts which have made the tax books of the past look like "the minutes of an Ananias club." Its purpose is to place the burden of taxation equally upon all classes and conditions of wealth.

The article from the Tax Commission on this page in reference to listing personal property and the power of the Tax Supervisor to locate the "dodger" is an evidence that the intangible personal property will get upon the tax-books.

Of course, common honesty must to a great extent, place this intangible property upon the books, but common honesty is under the act made the issue—truth is the standard to which everyone is called upon to measure.

In the old days under the system by which property was placed upon the books at whatever rate a vacillating conscience or the knowledge of the other fellow's standard would warrant, there was an excuse for the citizen dodging with the intangible wealth. Successfully it was done.

The plea by the taxpayer that this class of wealth will escape its share in the expense of government of county, town and state, should be allayed. The man who dodged of old because the consistency, yea the knowledge, merited the act now passes to a new standard of truth which calls to his soul for honesty.

To this standard the citizenship of the State will measure. The act sets truth as its mecca. The citizenship of North Carolina will meet the test of this progressive step.

"The man who looks ahead usually gets on. The man who looks on usually gets left."

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordly evidence of the fact.—George Elliott.

"A Thought for Today: Sir Oliver Lodge might make a bigger hit during his visit to this country had he brought more spirits and less spiritualism."

Miss Bassett—"George, give me a sentence using the word 'mister.'"

George (regretfully)—"I threw a book at Bertie, but I missed 'er."—Monticello High School Hi Life.

Oh, see the weeping Eskimo!
Why does the poor man blubber so?
He's blubbering because, poor lubber,
He finds that he is out of blubber.—Ex

The moving finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on; and all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to change a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word or it.
—The Rubiyat.

Them Wimmen!
For lasting beauty, they all sigh.
They long for youth, the dears;
And, while they often want to dye,
They want to live for years.
Selected.

Another Argument.
We all need exercise, that's true;
We should develop leg and arm.
A game of golf is good for you,
But beating rugs will do you harm.
—Luke McLuke.

When we hear somebody knocking the league idea we reflect that when Moses brought back the Ten Commandments there was probably some wise guy to remark that such visionary stuff wouldn't work.—Fort Smith Southwest American.

It is not a bad sign in a business way when the ladies of a church cannot find a room vacant in all the business district in which to hold a dinner.—Siloam Springs Herald and Democrat.

But you'll know real prosperity has come your town when they cannot find a resident to hold a dinner.—Arkansas Democrat.

John Tubbs had trouble starting his Ford the other morning. He cranked until he blistered his hand. He then called his wife to bring him a shovel of fire. We suppose he was trying the terrapin plan, put fire on its back to make it crawl.—Grubbs Correspondent of the Newport Citizen.
He should have put a chesnut burr under its tail.—Arkansas Paper.

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A SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS PAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF WARRENTON AND WARREN COUNTY

LISTING UNDER NEW ACT

PERSONAL TO CARY SHARE

No Discrimination Made Against Personal Property Which Is Listed At Full Value

FARM PRODUCTS LISTED AS THEIR NET VALUE

On January First But Indebtedness Can Be Subtracted In Giving Tax Returns; \$300 Exemption Allowed.

The Revaluation Act comprehends as complete listing and valuing of personal property as of real property.

This could only be accomplished by removing the discrimination against personal property brought about by the undervaluation of real property.

This discrimination had reached the extreme point that a trustee listed in a North Carolina city personal property yielding an income of \$900 and paid more than \$800 of it in State, county, and city taxes.

An army with banners could not produce a complete listing of personal property under such unrighteous tax methods.

This discrimination has been removed.

Real estate is listed on conservative May 1st cash market value.

The tax rates that will apply on personal property listed January 1st will be but a small fraction of the 1919 rates.

The Revaluation Act brings this measure of justice and equity to the owner of personal property and demands a full and complete disclosure in return.

The same guarantee of proportionately reduced tax rates that applied to real property applies to personal property. That is to say that the total revenue collected from all property in 1920 cannot exceed by more than ten per cent the total revenue collected in 1919.

Pardon the reiteration, for it seems not yet to be fully understood that this pledge, involving the good faith and honor of the State, applies to the tax rates to be levied by the counties, the cities, towns and special-tax districts, as well as the State tax.

Every tax rate levied in North Carolina, without exception, is embraced in its terms, and must be readjusted to the total value of both real and personal property listed.

Personal property will be listed as of January first.

Real property that has changed hands since May first will be listed against the new owner January first.

If you built a house between these dates exceeding \$100 in value it will be added to the list.

If you had a house destroyed between these dates exceeding \$100.00 value it will be deducted.

Why the Change—May First to January First?

Two good reasons:
First—To give plenty of time for the job. Plenty of time to have the work done carefully and accurately and plenty of time to make inquiry and investigation if the taxpayer—meeting a State that is totting square—has toted square. Most people tote square when given a chance. They have toted square on their real property and as a general rule have placed a fair value on their real property.

The State doesn't tote square with those who do tote square unless it gives some attention to the lonesome minority who try to dodge even when the State does tote square, and their neighbors are totting square.

The State intends to tote square all the way through, and some time and thought will be given in each county to locating the tax dodgers and to see that they bear their part.

May first listing permits no time for this sort of inquiry before the tax books must be made up.

Second reason—The straight calendar year is the logical year. January first is the time for everybody to take an annual reckoning and strike a balance. Business enterprises now conduct their business on the calendar year basis. They keep their books on the calendar year basis with reference to all reports to the Federal Government. It is unreasonable and illogical for the State to require an accounting on a different date.

REIMS RESUMES BUSINESS AMID ITS RUINS



Scene in one of the squares of Reims half a mile from the old and battered cathedral. Despite the fact that everything in the city is in ruins, 50,000 inhabitants have returned and once more taken up where they left off.

No injustice is done by this change in date.

This was carefully considered by the Legislative Committees. It was considered that there were two particulars in which the change might result in increased tax upon the farmers and both of these provided against.

The farmer needs no special attorney at the seat of government in this State. It has been and will be the policy to give the farmer not only a square, but a generous, deal.

Farmers make their own provisions, and have more on hand January first than May first. This was met by going the full limit of exemption permitted by the Constitution on certain kinds of personal property, which includes provisions—three hundred dollars in value. Exemption formerly allowed twenty-five dollars. There can be applied against this \$300 exemption provisions, household and kitchen furniture, wearing apparel, firearms, agricultural implements, tools of mechanics and libraries and scientific instruments.

The most important difficulty was the fact that farmers would have on hand January first farm products raised for market that would ordinarily be marketed by May first. If in debt the proceeds of the sale of such products would be applied to their debts and they would therefore have less taxable property May first than January first. If not in debt their taxable wealth would be the same in either case as, if property were sold before May first, they would have either the money or some equivalent in taxable property.

This difficulty was met by permitting indebtedness to be set off against the value of "cotton, tobacco, and other farm products, on storage in warehouses, in the hands of commission merchants or agents in or out of the State, or in the hands of original producers, and held temporarily for market."

So with respect to these products the producing tax payer lists only his net worth, and gets and gives a perfectly good honest square deal.

Red Cross To Meet On 28th

Mr. W. N. Boyd, chairman of the Red Cross for Warren, issues a call for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and all other interested members for Wednesday, January 28th at 4:30 p. m. in the office of County Superintendent J. Edward Allen.

Members of the Executive Committee who are especially urged to be present include J. Edward Allen, Mrs. J. E. Rooker, Mrs. W. A. Connell, V. F. Ward, W. Brodie Jones, Miss Amma Graham, Mrs. W. R. Strickland, Frank H. Gibbs, W. H. Dameron, Clyde Fleming and Miss Mary Chauncey.

This meeting is very important, writes Mr. Boyd, as officers are to be elected and steps taken to install a whole time public health nurse. A prompt and full attendance is expected.

Plump—When is it that a woman doesn't always get the last word.
Lump—It's too hard for me.

Plump—When she talking with another woman?

Buy Warren Hotel Lots

HOTEL PROPERTY SELLS WELL IN SPITE OF FALLING SNOW

With the fine flakes of snow falling rapidly Mr. Henry Falkener, standing in the doorway of the Ransom shop, auctioneered yesterday at noon seven lots of the Warren Hotel Co.

A large number of citizens of the town were present. Each lot was started at \$1250 and the seven sold ranged from \$1260 to \$1315. Messrs. R. B. Boyd, Jr., William Burwell, William Burroughs, H. A. and C. F. Moseley bid upon the individual lots. When the seven lots were presented in their entirety, starting with \$9010, the total of the seven sales, Mr. H. A. Moseley raised the bid ten dollars and bought the entire property for the Warrenton Grocery Company.

It was a condition of the sale that buildings would be erected within two years from date of purchase. The Warrenton Grocery Company expects to build immediately upon five of the lots giving them a one hundred and twenty-five foot frontage and a depth of near two hundred and fifty feet. A modern building, covering almost the entire space of the lots and suitable for the large business of this hustling firm, will be ready for occupancy by them during the fall. The other two lots, bought for the Burroughs Grocery Company, will be used for a modern grocery store which is to be built during 1920.

In connection with this building boom it is interesting to know that W. B. Boyd & Co. have purchased the H. A. Macon property adjoining the Boyd-Gillam Motor Company and will erect a business there.

In Memory Mrs. John H. Overby

Elizabeth William Powell was born in Halifax, Va., October 15, 1846; and died, near Macon, N. C., at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Henry B. Daniel, December 29, 1919, in the seventy-fourth year of her age.

When about twelve years old, she made a profession of religion and united with the Baptist Church at Grassy Creek in Granville County. She was a devout christian, had an intelligent conception of the obligations of a servant of God, and as long as she lived exemplified and adorned the profession she made in her childhood.

When about seventeen years old she became the wife of the late John H. Overby. The marriage was celebrated in Henderson, where they lived for a time. Mr. Overby's occupation made it necessary for him to occasionally change the place of his residence. Therefore, at various times, they lived in Vance, Wake, Granville, Warren, and Nash Counties. Mr. Overby died in this county some time ago, since which time his widow, affectionately called by her many friends "Aunt Bet," resided with her children; but for the most part, she lived with her daughter Mrs. Daniel.

She reared four step-children and two step-grandchildren, and eight children of her own. All of these fourteen children, which she carefully and

tenderly mothered, except three, are still living to mourn with her sister their irreparable loss. Of the children she reared there are eleven, grand children twenty-one, great grandchildren five, all together she is represented by thirty-eight descendants.

Mrs. Overby was a remarkable woman. Her personal appearance was such that those who saw her realized that she was very much more than an ordinary woman. She loved the house of God and delighted to participate in divine worship. She will be greatly missed by Macon Baptist church and her pastor, as well as by her large circle of kindred and friends.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best—

Goodnight!"
T. J. TAYLOR.

TRY TO BREAK INTO MARINES' MODEL JAIL

Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan-24.—Officers of the United States Marine Corps who have charge of the penitentiary here have had to issue special orders to keep the natives from breaking into their model jail.

Recently a check roll call of prisoners showed an excess of five over the number regularly committed there by law. Investigation showed that the five had sneaked in with a returning road gang, lured by the prospect of three good meals a day and a clean comfortable cell in which to sleep.

Now every party of prisoners working outside the walls is carefully counted before it is admitted to the "pen" in order to eliminate "ringers."

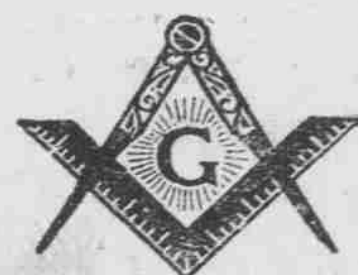
CONFERENCE TO FIGHT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING SOON

The Department of Justice under Mr. Palmer is making further effort at the publicity that is the due of the consumer. Speakers from Washington are to visit Raleigh in early February and a meeting is to be held February 10th, at 8 o'clock in the House of Representatives.

The members of the North Carolina Merchants Association expect to be in Raleigh in full force. Is the consumer interested, and are the wage earner and the salaried man really eager to hold up their end of the question?

Business Interests, Women's Organizations, Labor and Farming Interests, Women's Clubs, Fair Price Committees, Chambers of Commerce, etc., are being invited to send representatives to this meeting.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION



A Special Communication of Johnstone Caswell Lodge No. 10 A. F. & A. M. will be held in the Masonic Hall Warrenton, N. C., Thursday Evening, Jan. 29th, at 8:00 o'clock. Work in the Master Mason's Degree. Members of sister Lodges and all transient brethren fraternally invited to attend.
S. E. BURROUGHS, Master.
W. BRODIE JONES, Secty.

AT AND FROM CASE IS TRIED

JUDGE RODWELL DISMISSES

Technical Gambling Case After Evidence Is Given Court; Burwell Loses Ten Spot

CASE CAUSES MANY SMILES AMONG THOSE PRESENT

The Bet Was That The Boy Got The Clothes From A Merchant But Lost Because He Got 'Em 'Away' From That Merchant.

Judge T. O. Rodwell's court yesterday failed to find Early Williams, colored youth of Norlina, guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and the case was dismissed with a direction to the seventeen year old defendant to place the weapon in a well.

The second case on a docket under a warrant of gambling concerned Early Burwell, who was the loser on a bet whose technical wording guaranteed that he would lose, but which fact didn't appear to him as he flashed his ten spot. Frank H. Gibbs, appearing for Solicitor Daniel, non-suited the first case and had a warrant served upon Hinton and Hilton Jones for Conspiracy.

From the evidence which a number of witnesses presented it appeared that last Sunday Early Burwell bedecked in a new suit strode into Ramsey's eating joint. The crowd of associates immediately observed the new outfit which he declared was tailor made and good stuff. Hinton Jones derided its quality and made a statement that he bet it came from— naming a store of this city. Burwell flashed back at him that he bet it did not and reached for his coin. The bet started at a dollar, five and then ten. Hilton, first cousin of Hinton, was stake holder and when the bet had been solemnized, he and Early Burwell started out to prove the bet. Hinton failed to go along and Burwell wouldn't go to the store either so the party gathered in the cafe.

"Well," asked Hinton, "if you didn't get the suit from—where did you get it?"

"I got it from Charleston, S. C.," replied Burwell, expecting to take over the ten spot.

"That proves the bet," claimed Hinton. "He didn't get it at the store for he got it several hundred miles away from the store."

The evidence was accepted and the crowd says he as well as the defendant acknowledged that he got the suit from—away from—the store over which the bet was made.

Hilton turned the purse over to Hinton and all efforts to procure the money by Early Burwell later were in vain. Then the warrant was procured and served by Chief Green. Acting solicitor Gibbs was assisted by Mr. B. B. Williams while Hon. Tasker Polk was council for the defendants.

The case caused many smiles among the crowd which crowded the Court room. Especially humorous was the nice difference defined between the meaning of the words "at" and "from" Judge Rodwell dismissed the case.

STATE HIGHWAY SURVEYORS BUSY IN FORK TOWNSHIP

The State Highway Commission have a number of men in Fork township surveying for the purpose of building good roads in Fork. Several months ago this township voted twenty-five thousand dollars in bonds for good road work under the Federal aid plan and these gentlemen of the Highway commission represent the first step toward this highway.

Under the plan Fork will furnish a fourth, the State a fourth and the Nation half. This road will be one of the best in the county and will give a direct route to Rocky Mount, Nashville, Louisville and Raleigh. The road will touch Warrenton township at Liberia and will mean much to Warrenton, Fork township and that section of the county.

Sam—How is a woman different from an umbrella?

Jack—You can shut up an umbrella.

It takes one woman twenty-one years to make a man out of her son; it takes another woman five minutes to make a fool out of him.