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THE PROPOSED CHANGES

CATECHISM ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A Few Questions and Answers in Explanation of the Constitutional Amendment To Be Voted Upon November 2.

Question. What are the proposed constitutional amendments relating to taxation to be passed on by North Carolina voters November 2?

Answer. (1) To give authority to tax income from all sources, (except income from government bonds), and (2) to limit the rates of tax that may be levied on property and polls by the State and counties.

Q. What limitation of tax rate on property will we hereafter have if the proposed amendment is adopted?

A. Fifteen cents on each \$100 worth of property for the State and counties combined.

Q. What is the rate limitation in the constitution at the present time?

A. Sixty-six and two-thirds cents on each \$100 of property.

Q. Why any change in the rate limitation?

A. The recent large increase in assessed values made it advisable, in the opinion of the Legislature, to reduce the rate which can be levied for general purposes hereafter.

Q. Does the proposed 15-cent limitation apply to rates that may be levied for the six months public schools?

A. No. Q. To special taxes for schools, roads, or other purposes for which taxes are voted by the people?

A. No. Q. To taxes levied for a special purpose of necessary expense, by special approval of the General Assembly?

A. No. Q. Does the present limitation of 66 2-3 cents apply to taxes levied for any of these purposes just mentioned?

A. No. The proposed limitation of fifteen cents applies to every purpose to which the present limitation of 66 2-3 cents applied. If adopted November 2, it will be as genuine and effective a plan for holding down normal taxes to 15 cents on each \$100 hereafter as the present constitution is for holding taxes down to 66 2-3 cents on each \$100. Both the present and proposed limitations simply cover rates that may be levied for any purpose by the State, except (1) the six months public schools, and (2) rates that may be levied for general expenses by the counties.

Q. If the proposed amendment should be defeated, then what limitation would apply upon the taxing power of the State and counties?

A. The 66 2-3 cent limit would stay in force. With the taxable values recently increased 300 per cent, the State and the counties could levy the full amount, up to the 66 2-3 cents on the high property values, for any purpose, and then levy in addition to that, full rates for schools, roads, and all other purposes for which special taxes are now levied.

Q. Then a vote against the amendment is simply a vote to keep a 66 2-3 cents normal limit on taxes instead of the 15-cent limit which the amendment proposes?

A. Exactly. Q. Why was the limitation made as low as fifteen cents?

A. Partly by reason of the increased values of taxable property, and in part because the proposed income tax is expected to take the place of the State tax heretofore levied on property.

Q. Are these amendments to be voted upon as one proposition and on the same ballot?

A. Yes. Q. Why are they not presented on separate ballots?

A. Simply because if the people should vote down the proposed amendment "To Authorize Income Tax," then it would be absolutely impossible to cut the property tax from 66 2-3 cents to 15 cents on each \$100, and reduce poll taxes as proposed. This must be plain to the common sense of any voter.

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Q. Is it unusual to submit more than one constitutional question to be voted upon one ballot?

A. No. Whole constitutions are often submitted in this way.

Q. Why are we voting at this late date "To Authorize Income Tax?" Has not the State for years levied an income tax?

A. Yes—on certain incomes.

Q. Then why the necessity for a constitutional amendment relating to income tax?

A. The only class of income which the State now taxes is the income for personal services—the fees of professional men and the wages of wage-earners and salaried men. This is generally called "earned income." The present constitutional provision does not permit the State to tax any of the other classes of income, generally termed "unearned income."

Q. Do you mean that at present a man having an income of \$1,500 a year, earned by hard labor, must pay an income tax on it, while a man getting \$50,000 a year income on property he has inherited pays the state no income tax?

A. Exactly. Thus it is said that a famous tobacco manufacturer of this state had an income of about a half-million dollars a year from his property, and was not required to pay one cent of income tax on it, while his stenographer or clerk, getting \$1250 a year or more, was required to pay an income tax. The proposed amendment would tax "unearned incomes" the same as earned incomes.

Q. What will be the effect on other people?

A. The effect will be to reduce the taxes on property and lighten the burden on those with "earned incomes." As already said, only in case the State votes to get more money from unearned incomes can we reduce the normal property tax to 15 cents instead of 66 2-3 cents as now.

Q. Does any other state make any distinction in taxing these classes of income?

A. No. North Carolina is the only state having a provision in its constitution prohibiting the taxing of unearned income. No other state or government taxes earned income and exempts unearned income.

Q. What effect will adoption of the amendment have with respect to taxing income of professional men, salaried men and wage-earners?

A. It will require that they be given an exemption of not less than \$2,000, if married, or \$1,000 if single. This will increase the exemption of married men \$500. It will remove the discrimination against them, which now taxes their income and exempts all other classes of income. It will also place a limitation in the constitution of the amount of tax that may be imposed on their income, where as, at the present time there is no limitation of rate of tax that may be levied on their income.

Q. What is the limitation proposed?

A. Under the terms of this amendment, the tax upon any class of income can never exceed 6 per cent of the net income above the exemptions.

Q. Why was the limitation placed at 6 per cent.

A. It is not expected that for many

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Seen On The Side At The State Fair

(Contributed)

At the Station about eleven o'clock at night the agent had been very busy waiting on the public. When business got a little slack he noticed a fellow who had been standing by for some time, blocking the way. The agent, whose patience had been tried to the limit, looked as pleasant as possible under the circumstances, remarked, "My friend, what can I do for you?" In a rather loud voice, he remarked, "I want a hot dog."

It is said that women have a lot of curiosity. Sitting in the lobby of a down town hotel noticing passing on the street I took tab on sixty people who passed. Thirty-one were women and twenty-nine men. Twenty-five of the men looked in; twenty-eight women did the same. Two of the women who did not look held one end of a string and the pup held the other end. The third woman I noticed the corners of her mouth drooped a little.

At the ball game there were no reserved seats. You paid your two bucks and get a seat if you can. I notice from the papers that forty odd inmates of the State's prison were allowed to attend the fair.

I think the managers of Dix Hill went them a few better by allowing their entire stock to attend the ball game.

I managed to get a seat by a lady who was just a little corpulent and just beyond her sat a man a little more so. He had removed his coat because he was hot and so was I. The lady wore a piece of fur around her shoulders. I noticed the man would glance at the woman and then mop his face. Finally he said to her, "Lady will you please tell me why women wear fur in the summer time." Her reply was a look. I don't know what affect it had but he must to have gotten chilly, because he put on his coat.

It was about time for one of the free attractions. The house was full, the yard was full, and I heard that some people in Cary wanted to come but the road was full and they had no airships. Just about this time a little man with a big horn stepped out on the platform and in a loud voice said, "Everybody sit down."

Thursday of Fair week, 1920, will go down in history as "a great day in the morning."

JOHN FELIX JEFFERSON MILAM

This exceptionally good man was born, November the 4th, 1860 at Suffolk, Virginia, and died October the 21st, 1920 at his home in Warren County North Carolina, near the town of Macon in said county. His parents were Henry D. and Mary A. Milam. He was married on February the 10th, 1886 to Mary Newell. There were born to them five children: John F., Henry D., Emily B., Margaret A., and Mary Alice. John F. and Mary Alice preceded him to the spirit land.

Brother Milam professed faith in Christ and joined Hebron Methodist church when a boy. He lived a most exemplary Christian life. This seems to be the universal testimony of the people who knew him all his days.

He was a farmer and by hard labor made a living for his family and educated his children, but accumulated but little of this world's goods. Having food and raiment—the common necessities of life—he was there-with content. He has left his family the heritage of a good name. He set them a godly example. They know where to find him.

In our shortsightedness it may seem to us that three-score years was not a long life for such a man, but God makes no mistakes. Bro. Milam's last illness was somewhat protracted and all possible was done for him in a hospital and at home. He was patient and resigned, and told this writer more than once that he was ready to go. He appreciated the visits of his many friends and the kindness they showed him. His life closed without a struggle, and, as far as we know, without a pain, in his chair and in hopeful conversation he simply ceased to breathe and a smile played on his face and his soul went out of the body—doubtless to the home of the good.

The funeral services were conducted

WARREN COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Warrenton Township division of the Warren County League of Women Voters was formed last Thursday evening at a Woman's mass meeting in the Court House. The League of Women Voters was formed last Thursday evening at a Woman's mass meeting in the Court House. The county organization is a part of the State league which in turn is a member of the National league. The purposes of the league, as stated in the constitution, are two-fold, to foster education in citizenship and to support improved legislation. Many demands are being made for citizenship schools and citizenship courses which will teach the women not only the technical side of government but also the spiritual or ideal America.

The National League last February drew up thirteen planks which were presented to the Resolutions Committees of the Republican, Democratic and Farm-Labor parties. Twelve of those thirteen planks were written into the platform of the Democratic party. This legislative work is entirely humane, seeking to protect the child, to improve educational conditions, to better home conditions, to give women, who are working, justice, and to secure better health and moral laws. The league is non-partisan. To quote from the Constitution, "The National League of Women Voters urges every woman to become an enrolled voter, but as an organization it shall be allied and support no party."

After these matters had been presented the Constitution was adopted, and the following officers elected: Miss Amma Graham, Chairman; Mrs. E. L. Knight, first vice-chairman; Mrs. R. S. Booth, second vice-chairman; Mrs. E. W. Hofer, third vice-chairman; Mrs. W. A. Connell, treasurer.

During the evening Mr. B. B. Williams talked in a clear forceful way of Elections. He gave full, definite instructions on how to vote on Nov. 2nd. The women were grateful for this information which gives them an assurance and confidence which they otherwise could not have had. Mr. Williams closed his remarks by appealing to the women to vote the Democratic ticket.

HELLO!—WHASSAT?—YER CASH REGISTER AINT WORKIN'! WELL, WHADDA I CARE?—NOPE, THIS AINT THE REPAIR SHOP—WHY DONTCHA TRY ADVERTISING? THAT MAKES 'EM WORK! Y'BETCHA G'BYE!



ed by his pastor and in the presence of his neighbors and other friends from a distance, and with large floral offerings his body was interred in the family cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

To the widow and surviving children this writer offers sincere condolence, with the statement that he regrets what we call death as an incident in the continuity of life here and hereafter.

J. T. GIBBS.

Hallowe'en Party at Macon We are requested to announce that there will be a Hallowe'en party at Macon High School Saturday, October 30th. Ladies are invited to bring boxes.

We would suggest to the ladies that they make arrangements to go to the Polls early next Tuesday morning in order to vote. If you delay, or come late in the day in all probability you will be crowded and have to wait.

Miss Julia Dameron On Bond Question

"If I had one prayer for America, one prayer for one gift to Americans, it would be to give them imagination; an imagination that would permit them to see what is around them, to see with the mind's eye; to build up a picture of consequences when they know what the factors are; a vision that would be wider than this country, that would see the state of the world, and that would awake us to our duties."

With deep earnestness we utter this prayer for Warrenton. If we, the citizens of this community, had a vision that could see the complex problems of today and the still more intricate life of tomorrow, we would all vote for the school bonds. We would realize the necessity of a new building—a building which will meet the educational needs of today and tomorrow. We would understand that a trained mind and a strong character are more to be desired than gold. We would no longer find pleasure in satisfying our own selfish desires at the expense of our children's education. We would know the danger of our decaying from the wealth which we have so recently accumulated. We would be unwilling to send our children into life handicapped by an inadequate education. We would realize that our children are naturally as intelligent and as worthy of training as the children of the adjoining counties. Yet when we shall have voted the bonds for the new building, we shall still fail to furnish for our children buildings as good as those in Nashville, Rosemary and other towns similar to ours.

If we had vision, we would see the Warrenton school summoning children for high school work from all over the county. We would erect such a building and employ such teachers that the problem of consolidation would be solved by the different communities seeking work in our school. We would see scores and scores of children brought into town, daily in trucks. Because of the large number of children we would be able to give better educational advantages, not only to the children of our own community but also to the children of the entire county. The immediate economic value to our town would be beyond measure and the future material results, far greater. But this fact would be of still greater value, the fact that a broader education would bring higher standards and nobler ideals at this hour in history when the world is being tested and tried.

If we had vision, we would realize that America has reached a great crisis—a crisis which no civilization has passed successfully, and that our only hope of being saved from decay lies in a better trained citizenry. Our children must be trained so that they can solve the complex problems of our life or we as a nation will cease to exist just as Greece, Rome and the other great nations have ceased. May God give us vision to see the seriousness of the situation facing us!

JULIA DAMERON.

HALLOWE'EN BOX PARTY

The Woman's Club and High School children will give a Hallowe'en Box Party at the Academy next Friday evening, October 29th, from 6:30 to 10:00 o'clock. Every resident person is asked to bring a box containing supper for one person. The members of the Woman's Club are asked to bring an extra box in order that there may be enough boxes to supply the people who board in our town. The boxes will be handed to a committee and sold about seven o'clock at 50c. each. The proceeds of this sale will go to children's Playgrounds fund. Then all will eat supper. After supper a Hallowe'en program arranged by the faculty and children will be given free of charge.

A jolly good time is in store for all who are present, and every one is invited to attend this party.

Mr. Radford Kills Himself

Between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday morning Mr. Phil Radford, of Fork Township, committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol. He had been in poor health and despondent for some time. He leaves a wife and three children who have the sympathy of the community.

"Some cities employ women on the police force, but it is doubtful if they enjoy plain-clothes work."

CHANGE TO RETAIN CO. AGT.

COMMISSIONERS TO BE ASKED TO CONTINUE WORK

Demonstration Agent Has Been Requested To Stay Until First By Tobacco Association. When Commissioners Meet

Warrenton, Oct. 25.—At the request of the Warren County Tobacco Growers Association, I have arranged to remain in Warren County until after the first Monday in November, when the County Commissioners will be asked to make an appropriation for the continuation of the Agricultural Extension work in Warren County. The Commissioners will be asked to raise the appropriation from \$720 to \$1200 for salary of the County Agent. This will put Warren County on an equal footing with most of the other progressive counties of the state in so far as Agricultural Extension work is concerned. The \$1200 appropriation to be asked for will mean a tax of six cents on the thousand dollars of valuation, or an increase of about two cents over the present tax. The majority of the tax payers that would be affected by such a small increase are decidedly in favor of having the Agricultural Extension work go on in Warren County. I have learned through reports coming to me from all parts of the county that the majority of the votes cast against Demonstration work in June were cast by people who pay less than five cents per year in support of the work. This goes to show that these people had not been informed as to the actual cost of the work.

There are many people in the county like Mr. Aycock, of Elberon, who stated in a public meeting Saturday that he cast his ballot against Demonstration work in June, but he is now in favor of having the work continued. There are also many people of the county who are willing to leave this matter in the hands of the commissioners, and who failed to vote either way last June.

The only argument that has been advanced in opposition to the movement, which was started in the court house Saturday in a meeting of the Warren County Tobacco Growers Association, for the purpose of retaining the County Agent in Warren, was voiced by Mr. Matthew Duke, who stated that, although he thought Demonstration work a good thing, the present movement would place the County Commissioners in an embarrassing position, as the people had voted against the work last June. I appreciate the strength of Mr. Duke's argument. However, there were less than 800 votes cast against the work last June. Many, who voted against the work in June, now express themselves as favoring the continuation of the work. It is my honest conviction that if it were possible to secure a ballot on the work at the next election, the people would vote to have the demonstration work continued in Warren County. Those people who did not vote in June are willing to leave this matter with the commissioners where it belongs. The population of Warren County is over 20,000 and out of this number of people less than 800 voters expressed themselves as opposed to Demonstration work in June, any many who opposed the work then are now in favor of it.

In writing this article, it is my intention to get the facts as I see them before the people in time for both sides to express themselves to the Commissioners before they take action on this important matter. I have accepted a position in South Carolina at a salary of \$3000. If Warren County wishes to retain my services for another year, it can do so with an appropriation of \$1200.00. J. E. TREVATHAN, County Agent.

Mr. Horace Robinson was in our city today.

Mr. Dwight Joyner and Mr. Eugene Gay spent the week end at their home in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, Mr. Roy Davis, Miss Ethel Allen and Mr. Phil Allen motored to Richmond Sunday to see Mrs. Roy Davis who is sick in a hospital.