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## N. C. COLLECTS ONLY 5 PER CENT OF POLL TAXES

A BILLION WORTH OF UNLISTED PROPERTY IN STATE SAYS N. C. CLUB

"Our State Revenues and Per Capita Cost of Government" was the subject for discussion Monday night at one of the most interesting meetings which the North Carolina Club has held this year. The discussion was led by Mr. S. H. Hobbs, who presented a well-prepared paper on the subject and pointed out many startling facts in regard to State government which he had unearthed in his study of this question.

He showed that North Carolina ranks from 46th to 48th in amount of revenue derived for State purposes, and that it is one of the most economically managed states in the Union. In only one state is the per capita cost of government smaller.

He pointed out, also, that the tax payers of the State pay only 2-5 of the State revenues, yet they are continually complaining of the exorbitant tax rates imposed to cover the State's necessary expenditures. The tax payers of North Carolina are actually hiding from the sheriff more than a billion dollars worth of property, which they have never listed on the tax books.

But probably the most interesting fact which Mr. Hobbs presented is that the State collects only 5 per cent of the poll taxes which are due. Actually, only one man in ten who voted in last fall's election had paid his poll tax.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Monday night, March 12 at 7 o'clock in Peabody 8.

## DR. POTEAT GIVES TALK ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST

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vinity of Jesus by degrading his earthly surroundings. But the family of Jesus was a royal family and received the social consideration accorded to such. He was born in the manger because there was no room in the inn. Herod the Great couldn't have registered for a room that night. The scripture, 'The Son of Man hath not where to lay his head,' is not a proof of poverty. Jesus said it to squelch a scribe who was condescending to him. Jesus owned two houses. He had no place to lay his head because of the exigencies of his public ministry. The fact that he was a carpenter's son does not indicate poverty, for not to labor with the hands was among the Jews discreditable.

Jesus knew Greek as well as Hebrew. In His time every boy was compelled to go to school. Simon Ben Shetach founded the first system of public education at public expense B. C. 75—and he had the compulsory feature, a point which North Carolina has not yet reached.

The current opinion is that Galilee was a despised country, a desert. There is not a desert in sight of Galilee. It was extremely fertile and was only 20 miles from Phoenecia, the greatest maritime country of ancient times. It contained 204 cities of more than 15,000 inhabitants. The country had to be rich to support a population as dense as that anywhere today.

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