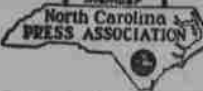


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A TAX PROGRAM

MACON County, along with many other local government units in North Carolina, faces a perplexing financial problem.

If the county attempts to force the collection of back taxes by public sale, it will have to bid in much of the property, thereby removing it from the tax books.

If the county continues to default on its bonds, it most certainly will lose its credit, thereby closing the door to any refinancing plan.

A constructive program of dealing with the county's tax predicament is sorely needed.

In this connection it is interesting to note that such a plan is proposed by the State Tax Commission in its recent report to Governor Gardner.

"We submit for consideration of the General Assembly," the Commission states, "the recommendation that the original owner be permitted to redeem property already sold for taxes and bid in by counties or municipalities upon an amortization basis, that is by partial payments distributed over a period of five years, and conditioned upon the payment of the annual current tax plus the annual instalment with interest on back taxes."

Such a plan, we believe, would be eminently fair, both to the tax delinquent and to the individual who has paid his taxes.

WE MAKE A RESOLUTION

IT IS the policy of this newspaper not to reprint unsigned communications, but due to the circumstances in this instance the editor reproduces the following letter by way of acknowledgement:

Franklin, N. C. December 30, 1933.

Dear Sirs:-

Whether due to the weak minds of your correspondents or the inability of your office workmen there have been several mistakes in your PERSONAL column. See if you can correct those.

(Someone who sees a NEED of improvement in THE FRANKLIN PRESS.)

It pains us as much as it does our readers to see mistakes in our favorite weekly newspaper.

Anyhow, a new year is here and we firmly resolve to do better.

PLEASE MAKE IT SHORT

NORTH Carolina's General Assembly again is in session and before it are problems even weightier than those which confronted that body two years ago.

It would be nothing less than disastrous for the lawmakers now sitting to emulate their predecessors of two years ago.

Letter-Press

WHY MR. DEAN GOT HET UP

To the Editor:-

As I am the man that Mr. Dean charges with voting illegally in Burnington, I will just tell the readers how it all happened.

Mr. Dean did challenge my vote, as he stated, but when Mr. Byrd challenged a Republican Mr. Dean said just let them both vote.

I am 67 years old and have always voted the Democratic ticket and always will.

W. R. ROWLAND. Burnington, N. C. January 2, 1933.

SIDELINE COMMENT

To the Editor:-

I see in three or four issues of The Press that some of our Burnington brethren are still growling about the way the election went off.

If we would practice the Golden Rule, that would bring things right. "Do unto all men as we would have them do unto us."

Franklin, N. C. January 2, 1933.

RESPONSIBILITY

Certain members of Congress are talking of a plan to vest authority in the President for a reorganization of the Government with the elimination of needless and expensive bureaus and the firing of useless job-holders.

We have no information about the details of the reorganization contemplated, therefore no opinion upon it.

For there is no doubt that we greatly need somebody in Washington who is willing to assume responsibility.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends, neighbors, doctors and nurses for their help and many deeds of kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our mother.

Baptist Church Notes

BY REV. EUGENE R. ELLER

There will be regular services at the Baptist church Sunday and throughout the week.

The worship service will be at eleven o'clock. The pastor will preach on, John's Question and Jesus' Answer.

The B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at 6:30 and the evening worship at 7:45.

The regular mid-week prayer service will be Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The officers of the church and all its organizations were installed for 1933 in the Sunday evening worship service.

The installation service came to a close with all the officers in a circle, hands joined and repeating the following pledge of office:

Relying upon Divine help, we a band of people elected and installed by this church as its leaders; solemnly promise this church, each other, and God that we shall strive to be true to Christ in all things.

Franklin, N. C. January 2, 1933.

Muse's Corner

COSTLY BIRD

(Miss Elizabeth Rice turned to verse as an appropriate medium for reporting the following recent event in Highlands.)

Down the street in the misty morn'g / Wandered a strutting Christmas turk;

Who took each wing of the turk's / Key hen

And led it straight to a waiting car,

Then off they rode to their homes afar.

If reports be true they dined in style / With never a thought for the "after while."

Then quoth the turk's owner, with rightful ire, / "Now you pulled a boner, and 'tis my desire

That you pay the cost,—'twill be a five,— / And learn to return stray turkeys alive!"

ANNOUNCEMENT

Highlands Auto Service takes this opportunity to thank you for your patronage during 1932 with the hope that you will continue to let us serve you during 1933.

Gasoline will be sold on a strict cash basis at this garage beginning with the new year. We have found this step to be necessary and hope it will inconvenience none of our customers.

We have for sale an Oldsmobile, 1926 model, for an extremely low price. It is in good condition. Come in and look it over.

We are the Highlands agency for the Anderson Steam Laundry. Bring your suits, dresses, etc. here and we will have them cleaned for you.

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Your Farm - How to Make It Pay

MUSHROOM CULTURE

THERE is a possibility of profit in the culture of mushrooms adjacent to each town in North Carolina and in some cases an established business may be built up by one who is interested in this form of plant growth.

Glenn O. Randall, floriculturist at State College, has studied this question of mushroom culture and will be glad to answer any questions which prospective growers may ask.

"Best results come from using manure in which there is plenty of straw bedding," says Mr. Randall. "Make the compost pile in a well drained place where the ground has been cleared and pulverized quick lime has been spread over the area where the pile is to be built."

Place the compost in small beds about two feet wide and 15 inches deep located in a well ventilated basement, cellar or out-building. Do not let a draft blow across the bed. The temperature should be kept at about 55 degrees during the growing and bearing period.

The Farmer's Question Box

Timely Questions Answered by N. C. State College Experts

Question: How should I feed my freshening cow?

Answer: A reasonable amount of legume hay and a small amount of silage can be fed at all times, but the grain feed should be restricted to bran mash the first day after freshening.

Question: How can black walnuts be kept for spring planting?

Answer: After the nuts are thoroughly cured they should be placed in a pit below the frost line. Place a layer of sand and then a layer of nuts until the pit is filled to one foot of the top.

Question: How can I select baby chicks to insure good quality?

Answer: There is no way to determining quality in baby chicks. In buying baby chicks get them from a local hatchery that uses quality, blood tested eggs.

Franklin Circuit Notices

REV. G. N. DULIN, PASTOR

First Sunday—Bethel, 11 a. m.; Salem, 2:30 p. m.; Clark's Chapel, 7:30 p. m.

Second Sunday—Snow Hill, 11 a. m.; Riverview, 2:30 p. m.; Iotla, 7:30 p. m.

Third Sunday—Clark's Chapel, 11 a. m.; Salem, 2:30 p. m.; Bethel, 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Iotla, 11 a. m.; Oakdale, 2:30 p. m.; Snow Hill, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. at all churches on circuit except at Salem Church, where Sunday school opens at 1:30 p. m.

The small mutual exchange operated by poultry farmers of the Valdese community in Burke county did a thirty thousand dollar business during the past year.

The Klondyke Guernsey herd in Surry County averaged 448 pounds of fat per cow for the past year, reports county agent J. W. Crawford. This record includes dry cows as well as those in production.

Now Is the Time to Start

SAVING

NEW SERIES OF BUILDING LOAN STOCK NOW OPEN

THE Macon County Building and Loan Association opened its 32nd. Series of installment stock on January 1, 1933. This stock may be bought on three different plans:

- 1.—By paying 12½c each week you can accumulate \$100 in about eleven years. 2.—By paying 25 cents each week you can accumulate \$100 in six years and for months. 3.—By paying 50 cents each week you can accumulate \$100 in three years and x months.

THE BUILDING AND LOAN PLAN IS THE EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO SAVE MONEY

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Office over Bank of Franklin

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