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Discrimination against the Poor

IN LISTING property for taxes, North Carolina taxpayers are allowed to make a deduction of \$300 on certain items of personal property.

The spirit back of this exemption is praiseworthy; but there is plenty of room for criticism in the manner in which the deductions actually apply. The purpose of the exemption, very evidently, is to relieve the individual of paying taxes on the bare means of an existence—the simple necessities of a household, a few tools, farm implements, the food on the pantry shelf and the old family clock.

One might think that the purpose of these exemptions was to help the poor man. Unfortunately, however, it frequently works to his disadvantage. We will show you how:

The rich man is allowed to exempt his silverware and his gold watch. The well-to-do farmer gets a deduction on the valuation of his tractors. The doctor is allowed a deduction on his costly implements. The fellow who draws a good salary and has an electric refrigerator, an expensive stove, a talking machine and fine furniture reaps the advantage of this deduction. Of course, this deduction theoretically is the same for everybody, except corporations, which are barred from exemptions. Actually, however, it is used by many as a loophole through which they can avoid payment of taxes on personal property worth far more than the exemption allowed. It would certainly be revealing to go over the tax listings and discover how many fine homes are so sparsely furnished.

Now let us take a look at the poor man, not the downright poverty stricken fellow who is just a step away from the county home, but the moderately poor man, the kind of fellow someone has said is the backbone of the nation. He may own a small farm or home, or he may be a tenant or renter. If he owns any real property he pays taxes on it. But whether he owns any land or not, he is required to list for taxes all of his household belongings and also his livestock, which probably consists of a decrepit mule, two or three pigs, a dozen or so chickens and the cow whose milk sustains the family. He, like the man with a good income, is allowed a \$300 exemption on his household goods, his tools and his implements; but what a joke that is.

This fellow's house contains an old kitchen stove worth about \$5, one or two hand-me-down beds with homemade tickings, a couple of homemade tables and a half-dozen split bottom chairs. The ornaments on his walls are advertising calendars. His library consists of an almanac and a Bible. Maybe he has a dollar watch and an alarm clock, and maybe he depends on the sun and the neighbors for the time and the rooster to awake him in the morning. Seventy-five to a hundred dollars would cover all the personal property he owns, including his plow and wagon. Of course, he has to pay no taxes on this; but he does have to pay taxes on his livestock, and, if he owns his small farm, on that too.

What are we driving at, you ask? Simply this: Why not allow the taxpayer to apply the exemption wherever he wants it. If he does not possess \$300 worth of household furnishings, let him get credit for the balance of his exemption on his livestock. Then, if there is still a balance left, let him get credit on his farm or whatever else he possesses.

Some might argue that this would exempt hundreds of families from paying any taxes whatsoever. Doubtless, it would relieve a considerable number from paying any ad valorem taxes; but if their belongings do not exceed \$300 in value, we think they are entitled to this deduction. Furthermore, this little fellow bears his share of the burden through the sales tax and the various methods of indirect taxation.

As the law now stands, it is a discrimination against the poor man. It is to be hoped the next legislature will correct this discrimination.

A Fitting Tribute

A NEW postage stamp, of the three-cent denomination, is on sale this week at postoffices throughout the country. It reproduces Whistler's famous portrait of his mother and carries this inscription:

"In memory and in honor of the mothers of America."

It is a strikingly beautiful stamp and should impress its sacred message on millions of minds. Com-

ing at this time, it is a most appropriate tribute to the most loved member of the family.

May this stamp remind all of the significance of next Sunday—Mother's Day—and serve as a silent messenger to carry letters of homage to every mother in the land who is deprived of the joy of having her children with her on that day.

Another Democratic Year

H. E. C. BRYANT, veteran correspondent in Washington, writes in The Charlotte News that this is not a Republican year, certainly not in the south, and predicts clean sweeps for Democratic congressional candidates not only in North Carolina, but also in Tennessee and Virginia.

"Red Buck," as Mr. Bryant is known to many fellow Tar Heels, has gained an enviable reputation from North Carolina to New York for the dependability of his political predictions. Hence, his forecast of another Democratic landslide is quite disheartening to Republican leaders.

Mr. Bryant ventures several reasons as to why the Republicans won't get far in the south this year. One is that the national party leaders "are too interested in recapturing big northern and western states, where prohibition is and was unpopular, to aid and abet their candidates in the south to raise the wet and dry issue." Another is that "the Republicans will waste no campaign funds on southern party candidates this year."

The biggest reason the Republicans won't get far this year, however, is simply that "there is no enthusiasm in the G. O. P." For Republicans, from the leaders to the ranks, realize they don't stand a chance of upsetting Franklin D. Roosevelt's new deal government. Although many people, Democrats as well as Republicans, are somewhat critical of certain administration policies, there are few who would care to hamper its progress and return to the dismal, hopeless situation which existed for two years prior to Roosevelt's inauguration. Although many individuals sincerely question the advisability of some of the new economic experiments, such as crop curtailment and regulation of private industry, the great majority of the people are inclined to give them a try. Certainly they do not desire a return of the do-nothing policy which characterized the Hoover administration.

Jacob Addison Steck

THE Keowee Courier, published at Walhalla, S. C., came out last week with black mourning rules on its front page, a token of esteem and respect for its late editor, Jacob Addison Steck.

Mr. Steck died on April 30 in an Anderson hospital after a short illness. He had been editor and co-publisher of the Courier for 36 years.

Although Franklin and Walhalla are close enough to each other to possess a neighborly feeling, the editor of this newspaper never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Steck. However, through reading his newspaper, we came to admire and respect him as a capable newspaper man, an honest writer and the kind of an editor who places the interests of his community above all else. His death must be a sore loss to Walhalla and Keowee County.

Public Opinion

Editor of The Press-Maconian:
I rarely take it upon myself to meddle with the political aspirations of my fellow citizens, but in the present instance I feel constrained to say a word in favor of Judge Alley's election as judge of the 20th judicial district.

His record since his appointment by our Governor has been as fine as that of any man who ever graced the bench in North Carolina. The Supreme Court has upheld his decisions in 40 out of 42 appeals from his court—which within itself is something fine.

More than that, I venture to say that there is not a man in North Carolina who has done more for his party than has Judge Alley. Now is a fitting time for the Democratic party to show its appreciation of his services.

With regard to your candidacy for the Legislature, you may rely on my hearty support as far as it goes.

I think it would be a good thing to have a man down there at Raleigh who will keep the voters of Macon County informed through the columns of The Press as to what is going on in the Legislature and not leave us up here to hazard a guess as to what has been done.

As for the balance of the boys who are out for office in the county, all I can say is, "Go to it fellows, and may the best man win."

Very truly yours,
FRANK H. HILL
Highlands, N. C.
May 5th, 1934

Dear Editor:

Allow me to express my sincere appreciation of two features published in The Press-Maconian of May 3. "Board of Education Asked to Exercise Utmost Care in Selection of Teachers" is a splendid move made by the deacons of the Franklin Baptist church. I lambs that have been docked and wish every church, regardless of denomination, would follow in their steps, making similar requests, declares L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College.

It seems to me it would be a good idea to have one teacher on each bus line as a companion and a model for the pupils. The bus driver has his hands full, just driving the bus. With just a little planning ahead it seems to me often one teacher could be chosen who lived on a bus line.

If patriotic songs and good old hymns were sung over and over in our schools it seems to me it would help restore the right spirit in our distressed country and Christianity to the world.

"If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch."
The people pay the taxes. Let town and rural people now speak to the Honorable Board of Education, telling them to please give to each school the very cleanest characters and devout Christians for our teachers for the coming school term.

The other feature, a letter from "An Interested Citizen," "About the Schools," was fine. I should like to read more letters like that one from other patrons over the county.

Our county paper is splendid now. It should be in every home in the county each week.

Very truly yours,
MRS. F. E. MASHBURN
Gneiss, N. C.
May 7, 1934

One thousand short leaf pine seedlings were planted on a section of poor, washed mountain land in Cherokee county recently as a field demonstration in reforestation work, reports the farm agent.

Eighty per cent of the Irish potatoes to be planted in Cherokee county this summer will be from certified seed of the Green Mountain, Spaulding Rose and Irish Cobler varieties.

Packers and butchers want spring lambs that have been docked and trimmed and will pay higher market prices for animals so handled, declares L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College.

Your Farm - How to Make It Pay

CHEAP GAINS MADE BEFORE PIGS WEANED

AT NO time in a pig's life will he make as cheap gains as when he is properly fed during the suckling period.

"One should be guided in feeding spring-farrowed pigs by the use to be made of these pigs when they are ready for slaughter," says Earl H. Hostetler, in charge of swine research for the North Carolina Experiment Station at State College. "During the suckling period however, all pigs should be fed the same regardless of how soon they are to be marketed. If the sow is to farrow two litters of pigs annually, she should be full fed during the last five or six weeks of the suckling period so that she might supply her own body as well as that of the litter with the necessary nutrients."

Hostetler points out that where the sow is fed by hand, the pigs should be allowed access to shelled corn in a creep in addition to what they may get from the sow's feed. Where the sow is fed from a self-feeder, the pigs may eat with her and will need no additional feed.

During the period before the pigs are weaned, it is important for the sow and her litter to have ample and fresh, succulent grazing. This will stimulate the milk flow and encourage growth in the young pigs. The corn or other carbohydrates fed should be supplemented with an adequate supply of protein, such as fish meal or tankage, Hostetler says.

He also points out that spring pigs intended for sale this fall should be continued on full feed and be pushed to gain as rapidly as possible. Those pigs intended as breeding animals should also be full fed until they weigh about 75 pounds each, then the grain ration may be limited. The pigs intended to be kept for a home meat supply next winter should receive a limited feed until time to push them for slaughter.

The Farmer's Question Box

Timely Questions Answered by N. C. State College Experts

Question:—What causes cannibalism in chicks and what can be done to prevent this habit?

Answer:—The exact cause of cannibalism is not known but it is the opinion of good authorities that overcrowding and confinement has much to do with creating the habit. The trouble is more likely to occur when early hatched chicks are reared in confinement. To combat the vice allow the chicks a good run in the open and see that they are out whenever weather permits. Where they are crowded the group should be divided, allowing six square inches of floor space for each chick. Where the habit is formed the worst cases should be destroyed and the others isolated.

Question:—How can my standing timber be protected from the Pine Beetle?

Answer:—This beetle is usually held in check by its natural enemies, but there is a danger if there are many "falls" in the timber. In this case all trees that are down or broken should be taken from the woods at once. This should include the whole tree—logs, tops, and large limbs that are over three inches in diameter. Material below three inches in diameter will not be a source of danger. Similar results can be secured by peeling the bark from the trees instead of removing them from the woods.

Ruby Travis, a 4-H club girl of Catawba county raised 102 turkeys from six hens last year to secure a gross income of \$220 from the birds.

MEXICAN BEAN BEETLE COSTLY FARM PEST

AGAIN this season, growers of snap beans, butter or lima beans will be faced with the problem of controlling the Mexican Bean beetle, said to be one of the most troublesome of North Carolina's insect pests.

"This beetle feeds on the underside of the bean leaves and usually the larvae as well as the adult insect will be found feeding on a plant," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "When the infestation is severe, all parts of the bean plant above the ground are fed upon and the plant may be completely destroyed. Injury to cowpeas and soybeans is also bad but the beetles rarely feed upon the stems and pods of these plants."

In controlling the bean beetle, Mr. Brannon warns growers to keep in mind that the bean plant is very tender and can be easily injured by strong poisons. He says the right poison must be used and it must be applied in exact amounts. The poison must also reach the underside of the leaves.

Where the beans are grown in small areas as in a garden, five level tablespoonsful of magnesium arsenate to three gallons of water makes a good spray for beetle control. A mixture for large areas may be prepared by using one pound of the magnesium arsenate to 50 gallons of water applied at the rate of about 90 to 100 gallons of the mixture to an acre of beans.

Mr. Brannon recommends that treatment begin as soon as the beetles appear in the field and if the insects are numerous, the treatments should be repeated every week or ten days. Often three or four applications are necessary, but, usually, two careful sprayings are sufficient for snap beans.

More than 225 young mountain boys and girls have enrolled in the 4-H clubs being organized in Clay county by D. G. Allison, farm agent.

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
North Carolina,
Macon County.
In the Superior Court.
T. S. Munday

vs
E. H. Higdon and W. C. Cunningham

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Macon County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title, and interest which said W. C. Cunningham, defendant, has in the following described land, to-wit:

One-half interest in all the lands described in a deed from R. D. Sisk, Trustee, to Sam L. Franks and W. C. Cunningham, dated September 19, 1927, and recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book of Deeds P-4, page 355.

This 12th day of April, 1934.
A. B. SLAGLE, Sheriff.
M10-4c-J&J-M31

ENTRY NOTICE
No. 15011

Earnest Roper enters and claims 10 acres of land more or less in Burningtown Township, Macon County, on the waters of Burningtown creek; described as follows: Beginning on the government and Jud Rowland's corner, then southwest with Jud Rowland's line to Tom Bryant's chestnut corner, then in various directions so as to include all vacant land in said boundary.

This May 4th, 1934.
ALEX MOORE, E. T.
M10-4c-M31

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina,
Macon County.

Whereas, power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by Deed of Trust from J. H. Dille and wife Ida Dills to Lester Conley, Trustee, dated the 8th day of January, 1927, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book No. 29, page 347, to secure the payment of a certain indebtedness in said deed of trust set forth; and whereas, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness:

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon, sell at the court house door in Franklin, North Carolina, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Being all that tract or parcel of land described in a deed from Mrs. Ashear and wife Eva Ashear to J. H. Dills and wife Ida Dills, said deed bearing date of 8th day of January, 1927 and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book M-4, page 592, to which special reference for

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fuller description is hereby made. Said tract containing 60 acres, more or less.

This 17th day of April, 1934.
LESTER CONLEY, Trustee.
A19-4c-JA-M10

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
North Carolina,
Macon County.
In the Superior Court
Fred R. Jones

vs
Thelma Jones
The defendant, Thelma Jones will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant.

And said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, at his Office in Franklin, North Carolina, on or before the 18th day of June 1934, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff.

This 19th day of April 1934.
FRANK I. MURRAY,
Clerk Superior Court.
A26-4p-M17

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF HIGHLANDS BANK

TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS AND CREDITORS OF HIGHLANDS BANK, AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that at a duly call meeting of the stockholders of Highlands Bank, on Tuesday, March 20, 1934, the stockholders of said bank adopted a resolution that the said bank be voluntarily dissolved and liquidated and that it surrender its charter and franchise as a corporation.

Notice is further given that said action and resolution of the stockholders of said Highlands Bank has been duly approved by Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks of the State of North Carolina, subject, however, to his retention of jurisdiction of said bank until all provisions of law applicable have been fully complied with and all creditors and depositors paid in full.

Notice is further given that all

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persons claiming to be depositors of said Bank and any and all other creditors of said Highlands Bank are required to present their claims to said Bank or to F. H. Potts, Assistant Cashier of said Bank, at its office in Highlands, North Carolina, within sixty days from the first publication of this notice, to-wit: Within sixty days from the 26th day of April, 1934, or forever be barred from presenting or collecting any claim against said Bank.

Notice is further given that at the end of said above-mentioned sixty days period the said Bank will apply to said Commissioner of Banks for an order approving the final dissolution of said Bank and surrender its franchise in accordance with the provisions of Consolidated Statutes Section 218 (a).

This 26th day of April, 1934.
HIGHLANDS BANK
By F. H. Potts, Asst. Cashier.
A26-4c-HB-M17

LAND ENTRY NOTICE

No. 15010
State of North Carolina,
Macon County.

Earnest Roper enters and claims 50 acres more or less in Burningtown township, Macon County, on the waters of Burningtown Creek, as follows:
BEGINNING at a chinquapin corner in J. M. Swaford's line, runs N 54 E 17 poles to a stake on top of ridge, then down said ridge N 80 E 10 poles to a red oak, Arlessa Roper's corner; then with her line S 24 E 22 poles to a chestnut (Down) on North bank of creek near head of mill pond; thence runs so as to include all vacant land in said boundary.

This, the third day of April, 1934.
ALEX MOORE, Entry Taker.
A5-6c-M10

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. A. Porter, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of April, 1935, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 26th day of April, 1934.

R. S. JONES, Administrator.

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