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Taxes—Your Part

DURING this month the taxpayers of Macon County and North Carolina will be offered an opportunity to help improve the economic situation of their state and county governments.

Every four years it is required by law that all real estate be revalued. Every property owner will be required to list his taxes and to place a true value on his property at this time.

It is pretty generally accepted that tax listings throughout the state are far below their actual value and many local citizens have commented on the fact that they feel that here in Macon County we have been particularly lax in seeing that our tax listings keep pace with the growth and increased wealth in our county. Low tax valuations have been mentioned by high government officials, including Governor-elect Kerr Scott, as one of the stumbling blocks in the way of carrying out a social welfare program of good roads, good schools, and better public health in keeping with our apparent wealth on a state-wide basis.

On a county level, members of the board of county commissioners have commented that, if the property in this county were listed at its true value, the public needs could be easily met at an even lower tax rate.

There is property in Macon County which is mortgaged for more than its tax valuation.

Many people are quick to ask for more roads, better schools, large old age assistance benefits and many other government services. They are equally loud in their cry that, at present, they receive no benefits from their present tax money.

Yet these same people leave their home unprotected, and in many cases unlocked, travel hundreds of miles to visit a friend or relative, and eat in strange places. They return and find their home unmolested, nor are they suffering any ill effects as the result of having eaten contaminated food in a strange public eating place. The safety of their home, the hundreds of miles of hard surfaced roads over which they journeyed, and the insurance of sanitary food in public eating places are governmental services which are so commonplace that we take them for granted without realizing that they are part of what we get in return for our taxes. While we take them as a matter of course, if they were removed we would certainly miss them. Imagine, if in the course of a few years the infant death rate were to increase two or three fold, as it probably would if all public health services were dropped; or imagine the public concern if tomorrow all forms of police protection were removed.

In short, if we want our public welfare services to keep pace with the growth of our economic system, we must record that growth when we list our taxes. Don't place the burden on the assessor. Remember that, regardless of whether or not you have a true listing of your property, the milk you buy from the dairy will be inspected and that you live in a country which still allows you to cuss all you want to about high taxes.

Let's all pull together for a fair tax valuation. If you purposely list your taxes low, you are shirking in the trace chains.

Youth's Victory

The winning of awards in the field of agriculture by Macon County folks is happening so regularly that pretty soon the only time it will be news is if some local person enters a contest and fails to gain recognition!

But when Fred Deal, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake P. Deal, of the Cat Creek community, was proclaimed the 1948 corn growing champion for the 19-county mountain district, we feel that it was a singularly outstanding accom-

plishment.

This young 4-H club member was competing against the best farmers in this region—many of whom were grown men with many years of experience as farmers. Furthermore, the boy had to do the job alone, because, due to ill health, his father has been unable to work for more than a year.

Some credit also must be given to the County Agent's office and 4-H club leader, Tom Fagg, for their counsel and guidance in this successful project.

It is mighty fine New Year's news when you hear that a young boy has taken on a group of veteran farmers and beaten them at their own game. It helps to build faith for the future.

Others' Opinions

APPLIES TO MARION

A community, like an individual, gets rich by selling more than it buys.

If the reader will consider McDowell county as a unit, the fact remains that to become richer, it must export, that is, sell more than it imports, or buys, from other parts of the world.

For that reason, when one spends money at home, the tendency is for a larger proportion of the sale price to remain in local hands. This assists in the ultimate enrichment of the entire community. Money sent out of town seldom comes back. It should not be so spent unless there is no alternative.

—Marion Progress

MARCH ON RALEIGH

Many true friends of the Negro race in North Carolina regret the announcement that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People plans a "march on Raleigh" during the next session of the general assembly.

What these friends would like to know is the reason for this march. What will be accomplished by a demonstration of this kind? Will it bring about an improvement in race relations in a state that by any comparable yardstick stands ahead of any other state in the nation in its treatment of Negroes? Will it result in getting Negroes appointed on policy-making boards, whatever they are? Will it mean that Negroes will be given better schools, better homes, that it will encourage the abolition of segregation, that Negroes will be served in all restaurants and hotels? Will the march on Raleigh have a tendency to hasten the lifting of such restrictions as are now practiced in this and other Southern States? Will it hasten the coming of the time when Negroes will find it easier to get jobs in stores and offices which now employ only white people?

The answers to all of these questions is a negative. Instead of helping the cause the "march on Raleigh" will hurt, because it will embarrass the real friends of the Negro in the legislature who have courageously taken a stand for fair treatment of all citizens. North Carolina legislatures have some reason for a modest pride in what has been done to equalize educational opportunity as between the races. It is the only state with a large negro population operating separate schools for three races which pays whites, Negroes and Indians the same salaries.

In other fields than education the general assemblies of North Carolina have tried to be fair to minority races. All that should be done has not been accomplished for either whites, blacks or the scattered remnants of the Indian race still left in North Carolina. The inclination to be fair, the desire to do what is right, which has wrought such progress as has been made in North Carolina can be dampened by an ill-considered demonstration of the right of citizens to petition.

The proposed "March on Raleigh" will make the task of friends of the Negro more difficult than it has been in the past. It can damage the cause of improved race relations.

—We The People.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator, c. t. a. of Mary Esther Huger III, 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 20th day of December, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 20th day of December, 1948.

WARREN W. CUNNINGHAM
Administrator
D30 6tc JJ F3

EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Charlotte B. Elliott 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 20th day of December, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 20th day of December, 1-948.

WARREN W. CUNNINGHAM
Administrator
D30-6tcJJ-F3

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by a deed of trust executed by John R. Brendle and wife Peggy Brendle, dated April 21, 1947, and recorded in the office of the

Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 40, page 253, said deed of trust having been executed to secure certain indebtedness therein set forth, and default in the payment of said indebtedness having been made, I will on Saturday the 22nd day of January, 1949, at 2 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

A tract or parcel of land, situated in Millshoal Township, Macon County, North Carolina, and being the same described tract of land as described in a deed conveyed by C. F. Moody and wife Maggie D. Moody to John R. Brendle and wife Peggy Brendle, dated the 21st day of April, 1947, and registered in Book _____ Page _____. Reference is hereby made to said record for a more complete description of said land in the Register of Deeds Office for Macon County, N. C.

This 21st day of December, 1948.

R. S. JONES, Trustee
D30-4tc-JJ-J20

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by a deed of trust executed by Euster Mashburn, dated September 8, 1947, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 40, page 314, said deed of trust having been executed to secure certain indebtedness therein set forth, and default in the payment of said indebtedness having been made, I will on Saturday, the 22nd day of January, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

A tract or parcel of land, situate in Cowee Township, Macon County, North Carolina, being the same tract of land as described in a deed

made by C. F. Moody and wife Maggie D. Moody, bearing date of Sept. 8th, 1947, to Buster Mashburn, containing 350.0 acres more or less. Reference is hereby made to the records of Macon County for a more full and complete description of said land; said deed is registered in Book _____ Page _____. Reference is hereby made to said record for a more complete description of said land in the Register of Deeds Office for Macon County, N. C.

This 21st day of December, 1948.

R. S. JONES, Trustee
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Strawberry Sundae

PET'S FEATURE FLAVOR OF THE MONTH



You'll dream of sunny, June days... when you taste the ribbons of sweet, sun-ripened strawberries, blended with the fresh, sweet cream flavor of Pet Strawberry Sundae! And remember, it's made only of daily fresh whole milk and daily fresh sweet cream! So, this month... turn January into June... ask for Pet Strawberry Sundae -- the grandest you've ever tasted!



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