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**M'QUEEN WRITES
ON SPECIAL TAX****Would Like For Every Voter
To Sit Down and Think
About Question**

We wish it were possible to get every voter in Moore county to sit down and think about the question to be decided next Tuesday.

A great deal has been said that has nothing to do with the question, and more has been said without full knowledge of the facts, and we want to submit a few statements that we consider facts for the voters to think about and investigate, and if they find them to be facts use them in reaching their decision on the question at issue.

The Tax

The election does away with all special school taxes as they are now levied and substitutes a special school tax all over Moore county that cannot exceed 50 cents on the hundred dollars for an eight months school term. The figures we have on the present costs of the schools show that the levy would only have to be for 44 cents on the hundred dollars, and while it might be less, it could not be more than 50 cents. To apply this levy to the individual multiply your property as listed for taxes by 50 cents on the hundred dollars and you will see what you will have to pay for special school tax. If the maximum levy is made, Aberdeen and Southern Pines will pay the same rate, Jackson Springs and Vass slightly less, Cameron and Carthage considerably less, and all the rest of the county more; the increase varying from 5 cents in one district to 50 cents where no special tax is now being paid and no great injustice anywhere.

The Debt

If the election carries, all the debts will be assumed by the county, and interest and sinking fund paid from this special tax levy, and the money provided for building in the northwestern part of the county.

When this is done there will be a remarkably even amount of debt obligation assumed for each district, considering the territory served and the taxable property in this territory, with two outstanding exceptions—Pinehurst will assume more than her share in proportion to her debts, and Cameron less. Where they now have no debts nor school buildings they would be given their share of debt and the school buildings they need.

The School Tax and School Term

This tax will take care of the school debts, provide two high school buildings, and give every child in Moore county a chance at eight months school term, and employ the same number of teachers at the same salary as they are now getting.

This statement is a mere matter of figures that any one can verify, but it seems hard for the people to accept.

A few days ago a good man, entirely ignorant of the facts, said to me, "I would be for the County Board proposition only I don't believe the difference in what is now paid and what your plan will raise for schools will be enough to do what you need to do." We had not gone two steps from where we held this conversation before a man stopped us and said, "There is something rotten in this school proposition, for if you can run six months' school on a tax levy of 63 cents why do you have to have 44 cents to run two months?" The answer to the first statement is the figures as to the cost of the schools as run this year, plus the cost of two more months where they now have six months. The answer to the second proposition is that we do not run the schools six months on a 63 cent tax levy, but in all the special tax districts and some of the others, additional teachers are employed and higher salaries paid and other expenditures made that are not provided for in the law governing the six months term and these extra expenses during the six months term

**Sanatorium Needs
Invalid's Chair**

Moore county has recently opened, near Carthage, a small tubercular sanatorium, where patients who for some reason can not be taken to the State Sanatorium, are being cared for. These patients are being made as comfortable as possible with the equipment that we have, but an invalid's rolling chair is greatly needed. Contributions to a fund for the purchase of such a chair would be greatly appreciated and may be sent to Lucile M. Eifort, Supt. of Welfare, West End, N. C.

**TOM M'PHERSON
BURIED TUESDAY****Had Lived in Florida Far Many
Years. Was Member of
Prominent Family Here**

(Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

H. P. McPherson, of Cameron, received a message from Ocala, Fla., Sunday morning, conveying the sad message of the death of his only brother, Thomas Tyson McPherson, but lovingly known by his many friends as "Tom." He was born and reared in Cameron community, but spent the past twenty years of his life in Florida, and was in the turpentine and lumber business. He was a popular man and much beloved by all who knew him. Genial in his manner, kind hearted, big hearted, with a keen sense of humor that made him popular with his many friends and acquaintances. Children loved him, and he was loved devotedly by his neices and nephews, who will miss his merry greetings, and generous gifts. He was in his fiftieth year, being forty nine years of age had he lived until April 21.

Of his immediate family, he leaves a brother and sister, H. P. McPherson, and Miss Manda McPherson, a sister, Mrs. McDugald, who passed away several years ago.

The body, accompanied by James Smith, of Ocala, arrived in Cameron Tuesday, a. m. Mr. Smith had wired ahead, that the masonic order at Ocala, desired that the body be buried with masonic honors, and the Carthage Lodge officiated.

The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church, by Rev. M. D. McNeill, interment in Cameron cemetery by the side of his parents. Last year, the correspondent received a note, \$5.00, from Tom, requesting that the money be used for the up-keep of Cameron cemetery. Many friends of his boyhood days attended the funeral. Tom McPherson has passed on to the land of the immortals, leaving on earth a host of

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have been paid out of the special tax as well as the two months extra term and carrying and paying the school debts. As we leave the tax phase of the question remember that the tax cannot be over 50 cents on the hundred dollars; that it is just, being levied on everybody alike all over the county; and will give money enough in each section to take care of its own schools, because the districts now paying special tax will have their money to run their schools and pay their debts, and where they now have no tax they will pay enough to have the eight months school and provide high school buildings.

Next we want to notice the effect the election will have on the schools.

The State of North Carolina requires a six months school term for all the children of school age in the state, and at the same time it makes the regulations controlling the schools. It says that the County Commissioners must levy sufficient tax for the school term, provided no teacher receives more salary than the State salary schedule allows for the certificate held by that teacher, and also provided no

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**WELFARE AND RED
CROSS ASS'N MEET****Meeting Held in Southern Pines
Wednesday, April 7, at
2:30 P. M.**

(Mrs. M. C. McDonald)

The Moore County Health and Welfare association and the executive committee of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, came together Wednesday, April 7, at 2:30, at the Southern Pines Civic club for their regular monthly meeting. The chairman presided.

There are now chairmen in thirteen communities, but not all of these have their committees formed. Some few committees have raised more than their quota of the financial budget. Some have raised part, one community has contributed books and magazines to a school, others expect to raise their quota later. Those present were interested to hear that the Aberdeen people have been furnishing free lunches to thirty-five, or forty school children.

There is now, \$1,483.70 in the treasury. Mr. Hutcheson, of the Farm Life school, who is chairman of the Ways and Means committee, reported that he had apportioned the budget as follows:

Pinehurst, \$8.00; Southern Pines, \$5.00; Aberdeen and Carthage, \$2.50; Lakeview, Pinebluff and Vass, \$75, each; Eagle Springs, Eureka, Jackson Springs, Cameron, Hemp and West End, \$50, each.

Our welfare officers and Red Cross nurse were both present and reported on their work. A motion was made and carried to pay some bills of our welfare officer, also to allow her fifteen dollars per month for incidentals until more or less is needed.

The Duke Fund which will soon be available, makes provision for indigent tubercular patients. This fund when it becomes available may be drawn upon for the expenses of a child recently carried to the State Sanatorium, otherwise his expenses will be paid from the Health and Welfare budget.

Our Red Cross nurse is especially anxious for each school to have scales that the children may be weighed regularly. She wants a preventorium as has been explained before, also a baby clinic each month.

Miss Ruth Goodheart, who is in charge of athletics at Samarcand Manor, is chairman of the Life Saving committee.

From the report on the colored work we learn that forty counties in the state have supervision of colored schools.

Motion was made and carried to continue the support for another month of the colored patient from Aberdeen, who is at the State Sanatorium.

North Carolina is on the verge of a great development in livestock production, thinks Prof. R. S. Curtis of State College.

**Beautifying The Old
Bethesda Cemetery****To the Friends of Bethesda Cemetery:**

It is the hope and intention of Bethesda Cemetery association to make our cemetery one of the most beautiful spots in Moore County. Most right thinking people believe that there is no nobler sentiment than that which prompts the desire that the resting place for our friends and for ourselves should be a place of beauty.

This sentiment has inspired

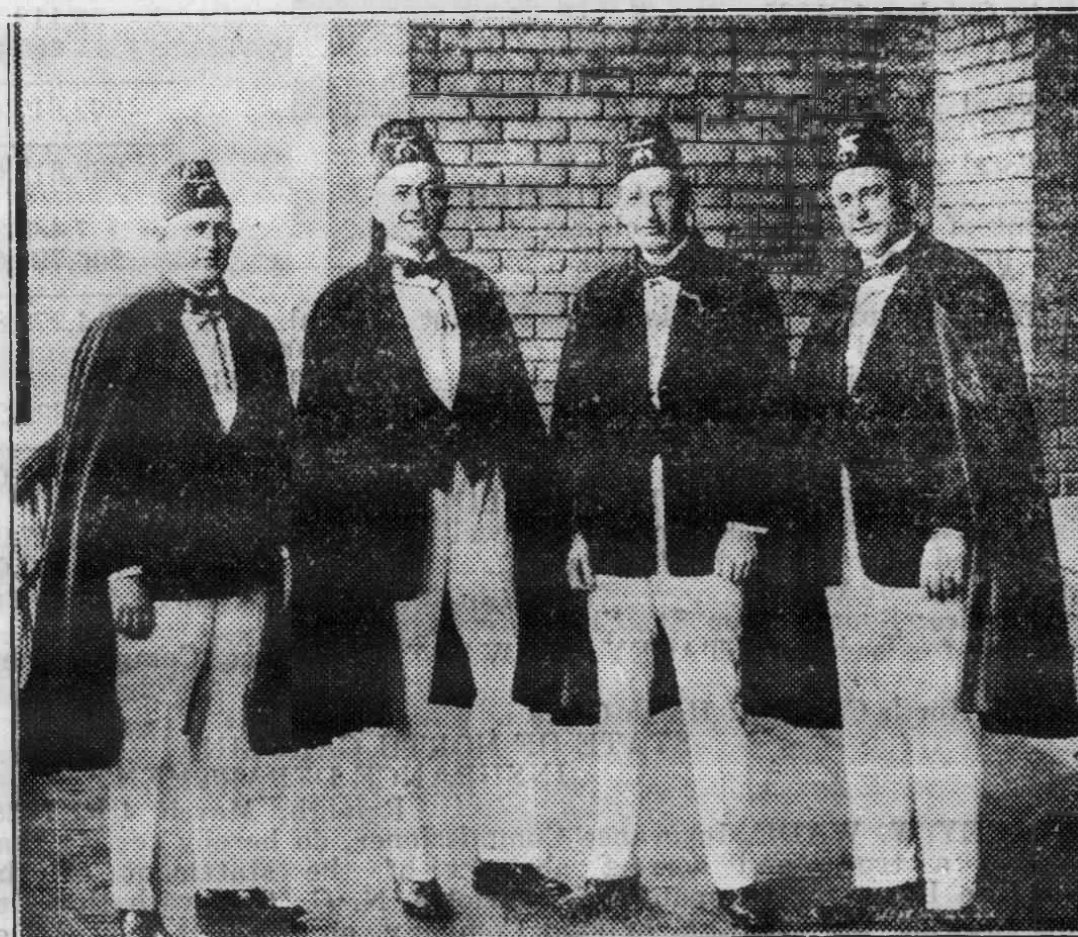
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**DR. J. L. STUCKEY
AT KIWANIS MEET****Talks of Resources of Moore
County Which Are
Vast**

Dr. J. L. Stuckey, state geologist was the speaker at the dinner of the Kiwanis club at the Carolina hotel in Pinehurst on Wednesday. Dr. Stuckey has been making a survey of Moore county for the Moore county Board of Conservation and Development, working in harmony with the State Board and his work has reached such a stage that he was able to give a fair account of his progress. For more than a century geologists have been aware of the mineral resources of Moore county and for many years building stone, talc and other products have been quarried. Dr. Stuckey was emphatic in his assertion that we should make more use of home resources and especially in Moore county which in its natural wealth is typically a North Carolina county. Moore county has an abundance of talc, coal, stone, shale, clay, sand and other building material.

The county is divided into three belts, the central portion being in the triassic sandstone with its excellent building stone and high quality of shale for making brick and tile and other clay products. The northwest abounds in crystalline rocks of a type highly prized by architects in the better class of building and the southwest has the crystalline rocks and an unlimited amount of sand which is now used extensively by builders, railroad and road construction. The conspicuous deposits of crystalline rocks available for use are found at Hemp, Highfalls, Mill Creek, Chandler's pond, Thaggards and elsewhere. The sandstones are the best in North Carolina. The sandstones outcrop abundantly near Carthage on Killeets creek, McLendon's creek, Crawley creek, around Jackson Springs and various place and like the crystalline rocks are in unlimited abundance. The shales suitable for brick and tile are found throughout the red sand district and like the

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OASIS TEMPLE CHORUS

Oasis Temple Chorus which will take part in the Shrine ceremonial at Pinehurst, May 13 and 14.

**TUFTS URGES FOREST
FIRE PREVENTION****Millions Lost Every Year Due
To Neglect and Care-
lessness****To The Pilot:—**

Vass, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have been appointed a member of the North Carolina Committee of American Forest Week and have been asked to give publicity to this great movement throughout our section. Much information has come to my desk on this subject and you would be astounded both at the extent of the interest shown and at the overwhelming nature of the facts and arguments in favor of universal reforestation of our lands. I have long appreciated the great importance of replacing our forests at a rate somewhere nearly equivalent to the rate at which they are being consumed but have never before appreciated the extreme economic importance of doing this. We who talk of beautifying our Sandhills may comprehend in a small way the scenic importance of our pines but even this is of slight consequence when compared to their economic value.

It is to be regretted that space forbids me to give you more than a few of the facts that I am in possession of, but I shall present the case of American Forest to you as clearly and as briefly as possible.

Wood is directly or indirectly an essential part of practically every phase of human endeavors. It is the principal constituent of the houses in which we live and there is hardly an article which we touch in our daily lives that is not partially constituted of wood. It forms a part of every industry and without it our hillside would become a desolate uninhabitable desert, washed and gulleys by rains or parched and sere by drought. And yet these forest which are our greatest necessity are being consumed at four times the rate at which they are replacing themselves. This is the appalling situation which we today face.

Forest fires are the greatest menace to our present or to our future forests and a great majority of these are due either to carelessness or preventable causes. A long leaf pine takes many years to mature and when fires race across the dry wiregrass of our Sandhills they may not only destroy ten to fifteen years of nature's work but by repeated burning of the vegetable matter present not only greatly decreases the value of the land but also make proper reforesting almost impossible. No greater servant and no greater enemy of man has ever been created than fire. Should fire destroy your home the loss brings you universal sympathy but should forest fires roam over your property, though the actual loss is greater, it is a matter of no great concern to the majority. A young pine tree is just as much a crop as a young cotton plant and a much more valuable one. Men who would for fear of eternal damnation revolt at the thought of destroying their neighbors corn crop think lightly of allowing fires to get out of their control and ravage their neighbors wood lands. The appreciation that a tree is not merely an ornament or a covering for the land but that it represents a real living asset, a crop in the making which will someday harvest into a most necessary commodity is the one thought that it is most important for us to learn. If you can teach this lesson to your neighbor you will have done your share of the work for American Forests during American Forest Week.

As for the rest, it is our duty to see that our idle lands are given the proper opportunity to reforest themselves. That destructive harvesting of wooded areas is not practiced in our neighborhood. That such pernicious habits as that of "Topping" the young pines along our roadsides are stopped. That public parks and

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