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## THE INCREASE IN TAX RATE

The report from the Board of Commissioners that a tax rate of 79 cents, an increase of six cents, appears to be the least Moore county can get along on during the fiscal year 1936-37 is received with disappointment, though not surprise. We have passed that stage in governmental finance — county, state and nation — where additional cost of government startles one. With one-quarter of one's income now going to maintain our public institutions and servants, the only question is, when can we look for a halt?

This is the first county budget in many years showing an increase, and there is no doubt justification for the tentative figures submitted by the commission. Moore county is growing, and its costs of operation, like that of any growing business, must of necessity rise. It also has the problem, which is nationwide, of caring for its poor and needy. Much of the federal government's financial assistance along these lines is being curtailed, throwing back local charity on local agencies. We still have an unemployment problem on our hands, though probably not as great in Moore county as in most sections.

Thoughtful citizens will not condemn their county administrators for meeting the needs and exigencies of the times, so long as they know that every effort is being made at economy. No one wants his neighbor to go hungry, to lack educational facilities, nor medical attention. On the other hand, no one wants to pay for the keep of his neighbor if he can work but won't; for the hospital bill of the man who can pay but regards it as the county's duty to provide for him. The trend of the times is in that direction, and that is something the county officials must guard against. More and more of our citizens are acquiring the habit of taking all and giving nothing—for which there are, of course, many explanations. Some blame the New Deal, others the worldwide sweep of Socialism, Nazism, Communism, or what not. Whatever it may be, it is on the rise. The Townsendites are an example.

The commission attributes the major part of its increased budget to "the tremendous demand for aid for the poor and needy of the county and the necessary increase in the appropriations for the schools." A tax rate of 79 cents for Moore county is not exorbitant. But any tax rate is exorbitant, be it 49 cents or 199 cents, if proper care is not taken by the constituted authorities to see that it is going in the necessary channels, meeting the real needs of government, of charity, of education and of conservative progress.

In short, the taxpayer wants his 79 cents worth.

## THE IDES OF NOVEMBER

We don't blame you if you're a bit baffled and wondering what it's all about.

We're talking of the Presidential campaign, probably the weirdest in the memory of the present day voter.

What is to be the effect of all these new party uprisings?

What is the South going to do about the courting of the Negro vote by Mr. Farley?

What is Mr. Roosevelt going to do about the split in labor ranks?

How is Mr. Landon going to explain the steady increase in business?

Who are the Townsendites going to support, and why?

Where are Father Coughlin's followers going?

How much stock can we put

# CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES, JR.

**HOME**

HELLO POP!

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?**

**COLLEGE**

**HOTEL BEDS**

1/4 OF THE LAW VIOLATORS ADMITTED TO THE STATE PEN HAVE RELATIVES THERE

**HOTEL BEDS**

DR. DAVID CALDWELL'S FAMOUS "LOG COLLEGE" AT GUILFORD GAVE 5 GOVERNORS TO OTHER STATES

**DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1855 IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW FOR A PERSON TO TEACH A SLAVE HOW TO READ OR WRITE? THERE WAS A \$100 FINE FOR THE OFFENCE!**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE THREE LAWYERS WHO REPRESENTED LITTLE CHRISTOPHER SMITH REYNOLDS WERE PAID \$1,000,000—THE LARGEST LAWYERS FEE EVER PAID IN THIS STATE?**

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in these pre-election polls?  
Can the Republicans win control of the House of Representatives, and if not, how much can Mr. Landon accomplish if he is elected? The Democrats will control the Senate anyway.

It's a great little campaign, and your guess as to the outcome is as good as anybody's.

## A COUNTY ASSET

One of the most valuable assets the county possesses is the Moore County Hospital. White or black, rich or poor, the institution stands ready to help everyone, regardless of cast or price. The struggling growth has not been without obstacles or serious obligations. The number who have sought relief became so numerous that cots were crowded into the wards or set up in the corridors. The gradual increase has made necessary the expansion of the building, with the much needed new wing becoming an actuality. It is now hoped the over-load will be more evenly distributed and accommodations will be greater for pay patients.

The hospital is something we take pretty much for granted until an emergency arises. Under ordinary events it does not enter very seriously into our scheme of living. But when the time does arrive, it's sheltering walls afford a merciful haven of refuge. A more philanthropic disposition would be greatly appreciated by the organization who are making an effort to improve the condition of the human race, frequently working under difficult circumstances. Sick or well, we could all lend more enthusiastic help and encouragement to the hospital. It needs more consideration.

## THE ACQUISITION OF DR. NEAL

In a Sanford store recently a clerk said to some Southern Pines people "You are going to get one of our fine families some day soon. Dr. Neal is going to your town. I believe Dr. Neal has more friends than any man I know. And you folks down there will like his wife just as much."

Now that is a pretty broad claim about any man and a situation many of us might covet.

When Dr. Neal moves to the Sandhills next month he will not enter as a stranger. He has not only established a contact and deep rooted friendship with the people of the county but the same friendship exists among the four legged folks. If anyone should have any doubts, watch Nancy, the little seal-yham wag her stumpy tail with enthusiasm and grin at her first recognition, or Zinzindorf, the german shephard, or his countryman Oswald, the dachhound and his family, or the cockers at the Paddock. Old Sorrowful will proclaim to the pack of his friend's arrival. Engineer, the hunter will answer with a cordial whinny. The Chinese empress of Picquets, Col. Hawes' colliers and Col. Hawes himself, through to the last registered one, will extend an honest welcome. The people of the county will be glad to see Dr. Neal and his family located in Southern Pines.

When such a current of cordiality sweeps out towards a new neighbor that neighbor must have some worthwhile attributes to arouse in the people such respect and esteem. The joyous

## GRAINS OF SAND

A number of young authors from the southern states are getting their names securely marked in the present literary world according to some of the recent press notices and book reviews. Closing in nearer home it is gratifying to see success come to a home grown product, Mildred Harrington. The September Pictorial Review has a nicely illustrated story, "Blind Date" by Miss Harrington. She has a long list of successful fiction and articles to her credit, and every bit of it sells, a highly important feature.

Bernice Kenyon, (Mrs. Walter Gilkyson) appears in the late Scribners. Many of our magazines lend a personal feeling to Moore county readers as many of our friends and neighbors are contributing to the columns of our current fiction.

When anyone from the Sandhills wins recognition in the outside world it is heralded with enthusiasm by the folks at home. When new laurels are won a loyal lot of friends generously applaud the triumphant one. Man and beast its all the same. And this time it was the beast. Lady Durham was adjudged the champion hunter in the Blowing Rock horse show last week. She was also first in road hacks and high jumpers. Lady Durham wins our acclaim.

A director of highway safety says North Carolina now ranks eighth among the states in reducing automobile deaths. The reduction for the state is nine per cent. That nine per cent may still look insignificant to those who hope to see a larger percentage, but if it has put your own funeral it is important enough to be thoroughly appreciated. Perhaps by the time most of us are killed off the remaining few will have figured out a way to further lessen the slaughter.

The motor vehicle bureau reports a spurt in automobile and truck sales. The number for July exceeding that of last July by over seven hundred cars. With over eight thousand new machines for July you have a few extra ones to dodge. That nine per cent reduction in automobile fatalities still looks important.

The State banking department in their quarterly report indicate a substantial gain in business conditions from the decided increase in resources and deposits of North Carolina commercial banks. A gain of over two million dollars in investments is the figure from thirty-one state industrial banks and two branches. If the bottom of the flour barrel has frequently been in eight it is at least encouraging to look at figures saying we are gaining ground.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Victor Deghilage and their young son Leroy owned a snug little home on Silver Run in Hoke county. Mr. Deghilage was a retired glass blower of Belgium who had followed his trade in the Pittsburgh mills. They came south to make a permanent home. The boy went to the Southern Pines schools. Hoke county land was condemned by the government and the Deghilage home was converted into Fort Bragg property. The family went north. The son followed in his father's footsteps, the glass industry, and is now a successful young fellow connected with one of the big corporations of West Virgin-

yelp of a little terrier and all her world also tell something mighty important about character.

ia. With his mother, wife and two young daughters they came to Southern Pines last week for a visit. The growth and change in the town and surrounding territory in twenty-odd years made parts of it hard to recognize. The general comment was the trees and shrubbery had closed in taking the place of the open, sparse growth about the town. The winding, sandy road that led out to the country home was gone. The wide military road absorbed all familiar landmarks. Fire destroyed the house, the little box wood hedge, the fine trees and grape vines. Along with their appreciation of the advancement and progress during the long interval there was also some confusion and disappointment in the eyes of the returned visitors.

Moore County folks might "take a tip" from former Governor Max Gardner, and get those turnips in the ground early in the season—the earlier the better so say the experts. More turnip greens were planted in North Carolina when Gardner was

## EUREKA

John Hardy and son of Mount Airy visited V. H. Hardy last week.

Miss Mildred Blue of this section and Paul Wilson of Ashley Heights visited Miss Blue's relatives near Jackson Springs Wednesday.

Mrs. F. W. VonCannon and children of West End visited Mrs. Nannie and Miss Annis McCaskill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blue and children and Mrs. Mattie L. Blue visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey near Union Church Sunday.

Miss Myra Blue and Gladys Primm of Hemp spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mrs. Bettle Buie of Jackson Springs is visiting her brother N. A. Arnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thomas and children and Miss Mary McKenzie of near West End.

Little Billie Hendren of Hoffman is spending this week with his cousin, Miss Virginia Ray Blue.

Misses Louise Primm and Winora Hardy were dinner guests Sunday night of Edgar Oldham of Vass.

Miss Triva King spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Dolph Blue of Carthage.

Mrs. David McCallum of Southern Pines visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McLeod Sunday.

Hassel Edmonds of Cameron visited relatives here during the week-end.

Misses Maggie and Ida McLeod visited Mrs. Nannie and Miss Annis McCaskill Sunday afternoon.

Governor than had ever been or ever since been dropped into our soil. And, what with a good corn pone to accompany a mess of greens, is one of the reasons so many Yankees come south.

From last week's Sanford Herald: "As the 1836 tobacco season opened on the Georgia belt markets, optimism for a prosperous season seemed to abound . . ."

Now if they could get the market quotations for 1736.

We're wondering what strings George London, the senior salesman at the Carolina Power and Light, pulls to keep on staying in Southern Pines, because, to our knowledge, we've been introduced to five junior salesmen since the first of the year. We certainly are glad you like us, George!

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4.40-21	51c
4.50-20	54c
4.75-19	59c
5.00-19	63c
5.25-18	70c

OTHER SIZES IN PROPORTION

**GOODYEAR PATHFINDER**

SIZE	PRICE PER WEEK
30x3 CI	51c
4.40-21	65c
4.75-19	76c
5.00-19	82c
5.25-18	90c
5.50-17	99c

OTHER SIZES IN PROPORTION

**GOODYEAR ALL-WEATHER**

SIZE	PRICE PER WEEK
4.50-21	80c
4.75-19	84c
5.25-17	97c
5.50-17	\$1.10
6.00-16	1.22

Other Sizes in Proportion

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