

Six Months Schools as a Minimum for All the Rural Districts. Local Tax Fully Justified By Our Low Assessments

By J. P. CANADAY.

"If people or rulers neglect the education of the young, they inflict an injury upon both church and state; they become the enemies of God and man; they advance the cause of Satan, and bring down upon themselves the curse of Heaven."—Martin Luther.

Elevation, as the name implies, is on elevated land; more than this the standard of morals is on a high plane; and that the people think on a high plane is shown by their advance in educational facilities. The school is strictly rural it being five or six miles from any town.

Who is the teacher anyway? That bright boy who has outstripped his classes—knows more than any other boy in the neighborhood;—that aspiring and amiable young lady whose energy and intellect have raised her above in scholarship; these with the high stamps of character upon them having spent months and years in high school or college constitute the teaching class. They will always be found commensurate with the salary paid.

Johnston County Assessed Valuations. That our county has no bonded indebtedness and has the lowest assessed valuations and the lowest tax rates are facts in which we all re-



ELEVATION OLD.—(District No. 2.)

The old house as seen in the cut above is 16 feet wide, 32 feet long and 8 feet from floor to ceiling. It fairly represents about forty one-room school buildings still in use in the county. It was too small and unsanitary. It was over-crowded, one teacher being insufficient to give proper time to all the pupils. Therefore the patrons in the year 1907 voted a local school tax.

The new house as seen below was built, ceiled and painted complete for \$545.00. It contains two rooms and vestibule and all in all is a nice building.

Very often when a movement is made for education the citizens show great liberality. Let us view the scene as the writer saw it at Elevation. They have voted a special school tax. About forty patrons are on the ground to locate the building. They have bought an extra acre extending to the road for \$25.00 for the site.

They make up by private subscription \$50 and with this buy the old school building for a township court-house. It is suggested that \$12.50 more be raised to buy an additional half acre for the site, but some one says they have done enough. Then Mr. Preston Strickland steps forward and says: "All right; I'll buy it myself for the school." But they will not allow him to do so much, and help him pay for the land. This shows elevation of humanity as well as name.



ELEVATION NEW.—(District No. 2, local tax.)

My friends, you who live in rural districts and oppose local tax, these boys and girls above are looking at you. They have to raise and pick out the large crops of cotton there just as the boys and girls in your district do. They are well advanced in studies—even the little ones beyond their years. Two excellent teachers are employed. You should go there some "North Carolina Day", or at some other exercise and hear them recite and sing. You hardly could get away for the people are very kind. Actually the census in 1908-9 showed only 111, but 120 were enrolled in the school—many coming in from outside the district. (This is the writer's old, boyhood home and he does not see why every district in the county can not do as Elevation has done.) In the great race of life will not these boys and girls show superiority? We shall see what we shall see.

Discussion Resumed.

It was proven last week that local taxes would result in better teach-

The constitutional limit of taxation is 66 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and \$2.00 on the poll. Therefore we have not reached the constitutional limit. As we understand it there is only one other county in North Carolina that has not reached the limit and in that county the average valuation of land is \$8.43 per acre.

We thus see that Johnston heads all other counties in low tax, still we have only 80 days school in the rural districts.

In order to show the stronger feeling for education in other progressive counties, I give below some facts for comparison. Wake county land is valued at \$8.71 per acre; and on this valuation they have voted 28 local tax districts, and the length of rural schools is 115 to 120 days; bonded indebtedness of the county for court-house, jail, etc., is \$100,000. In Mecklenburg County the average value of land is \$12.50 per acre and on this assessed valuation they have voted 19 local tax districts and the

average length of rural schools is 120 days. In Guilford County land is valued at \$7.00 per acre and on this valuation they have voted 44 local tax districts. The average length of school term in local tax districts is 134 days—for entire county 117 days. The bonded indebtedness (for macadam roads) is \$300,000.

In New Hanover county land is valued at about \$14 per acre and on this assessed valuation the entire county voted a special school tax of 12 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property and 26 cents on the poll. The average length of rural schools is 140 days. The bonded indebtedness of the county is \$157,800—city some over \$1,000,000.

By any comparison there is no justification for our short terms in the rural districts. Johnston may claim exemption from high taxes, it is true, there being only one other county with rates so low. It may claim low assessed valuations, it is true, the rate being only \$6.54 per acre while adjoining us is Wayne in which the assessed valuation is \$8.09; Wilson \$9.65; Wake, \$8.71, or in the progressive counties of Mecklenburg, \$12.50 and New Hanover, \$14. But the rural districts in our county can not escape the greater condemnation of only 80 days school in our rural districts as compared with the 115, 117, 120, 134 and 140 days school term respectively for the other entire counties. Yet the writer claims that Johnston county land as valuable as the land in the other counties. Dr. McIver said: "The savage pays no tax."

It will be seen at a glance that our townships having the lowest assessed valuations and which few have any special tax schools could levy 30 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property and still pay less taxes than if paying the general taxes in the other counties. Yet these other counties are paying in addition special school taxes.

I have more than proved my claim last week that in nearly every township in Johnston local taxes could be voted and still the taxes would not be higher than the general county and state taxes in other progressive counties. My friends, are we acting the part of wisdom in dwarfing the intellect of the children for the saving of a few dollars tax in our great county? Can you set a price on intelligence and morality? "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death."

I shall discuss the advantages of the intensive system of education in my next installment.

A DEAD STOMACH. Of What Use Is It?

Thousands? yes hundreds of thousands of people throughout America are taking the slow death treatment daily.

They are murdering their own stomach, the best friend they have, and in their sublime ignorance they think they are putting aside the laws of nature.

This is no sensational statement; it is a startling fact, the truth of which any honorable physician will not deny.

These thousands of people are swallowing daily huge quantities of pepsin and other strong digesters, made especially to digest the food in the digestive membrane of the stomach.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets relieve distressed stomach in five minutes; they do more. Taken regularly for a few weeks they build up the run down stomach and make it strong enough to digest its own food. Then indigestion, belching, sour stomach and headache will go.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets are sold by druggists everywhere and by Hood Bros., who guarantee them. 50 cents a box. Booth's Pills cure constipation, 25c.

It is too bad says The Dallas News, that Chicago people are having to eat horse meat, but they have one advantage—they can hand the horse-shoes to the children to cut their teeth on.

At an elevation of 10 feet the horizon is slightly more than 10 miles away.

Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles

Much sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale-people lack good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating for, after all, a man can be no stronger than his stomach. A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.

Get rid of your Stomach Weakness and Liver Laziness by taking a course of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—the great Stomach Restorative, Liver Invigorator and Blood Cleanser.

You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, same being attested as correct under oath. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

Suggested for Solicitor.

The Monroe Journal has the following to say concerning Mr. B. C. Beckwith of Raleigh, who is a candidate for solicitor.

"Mr. Beckwith has done valuable service both to his party and State through a long term of years. Back in the old days before campaigns were run on typewriters and money, he was year in and year out secretary of the State executive committee and did laborious work, to the neglect of his own business. For years he has done equally efficient and unremunerated work for the State as a member of the Board of Internal Improvements. On the score of service Mr. Beckwith is entitled to anything that his friends may ask. But on the higher ground of fitness, he is entitled to the solicitorship if he desires it. He is a lawyer of recognized ability, but better still, he is a citizen consecrated to high ideals of public service, faithfulness, and efficiency. And he is one of that number which is becoming all too rare—one to whom all lawbreakers look alike, whether big or little. He still holds the idea that the laws were made to be obeyed by all, and that violators, regardless of wealth, poverty, influence or family, should pay the penalty of their violations. If the people of our neighboring district want a solicitor in the best sense of the word, they can find such an officer in the person of Mr. Beckwith."

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invariably bring relief to women suffering from chronic constipation, headache, biliousness, dizziness, sallowness of the skin and dyspepsia. Sold by Hood Bros.

The Sense of Economy.

"Why does a dog chase his tail?" "Because he wants to make both ends meet."—Baltimore American.

Mrs. C. H. K. Curtis, whose death is announced from Philadelphia, was the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal from 1883, when her husband started the enterprise, until 1889, when the editorship was relinquished to Edward W. Bok, who married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. When she relinquished control it had attained a circulation of half a million copies, which was then more wonderful than the much larger circulation of to-day. Since her retirement from The Journal she has been identified with charitable and club work.—Exchange.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Hooper*

"Ah, Mr. Jimmie!" exclaims the kittenish lady with the plenitude of powder on her face. You must remember I am a daughter of Eve." "Well, honestly," replies the blundering man, "you don't look half that old."—Chicago Post.

When it comes to barley crops, Russia leads, with the United States second.

Breathe **HYOMEI** We guarantee it to cure **Catarrh**

NO STOMACH DOSING—breathe the pleasant, healing, germ-killing air of Hyomei, and cure CATARRH, COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, SORE THROAT, BRONCHITIS, ETC.

Complete outfit, including hard rubber inhaler, \$1.00, on money-back plan. Extra bottles, 50c. Druggists everywhere, and by HOOD BROS.

It is said that John D. Rockefeller will receive on St. Patrick's Day next a check for \$4,050,000 as his share of the quarterly dividend declared by the Standard Oil Company.

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Nurse Says:

"I know what is good for young and old people," writes Mrs. Clara Dykstra, a trained nurse of South Bellingham, Wash., "and will say that I consider Cardui the best medicine for girls and women. It makes them feel like new persons, relieves their pain and regulates womanly troubles. Both my daughter and I received great benefit."

Take CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

As a medicine for female trouble, no medicine you can get has the old established reputation, that Cardui has.

Fifty (50) years of success prove that it has stood the greatest of all tests—the test of TIME.

As a tonic for weak women, Cardui is the best, because it is a woman's tonic. Pure, gentle, safe, reliable. Try Cardui.

"He says he courts the fullest investigation possible. He has nothing whatever to fear." "Is that so?" "Yes; and he's hired three of the cleverest lawyers in town to prove it."—Detroit Free Press.

If all the oceans were suddenly dried up, and the rivers could maintain their present rate of flow, it would take 3500 years to refill the basin.

NOTICE!

Under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield the undersigned will, on Saturday April 9th, 1910, at 12 o'clock, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in the Town of Smithfield the hereinafter described tract of land. "Beginning at pointers on the east side of the new road leading from the W. W. R. Depot south by Chickensville (and being the 5th corner in a deed executed by W. L. Woodall, Executor of Seth Woodall to James H. Woodall December 3rd, 1900. See Book "X" No. 7 Page 90) and runs thence north 8 1/2° east with said new road 70 yards to a stake; thence south 81° east 140 yards to a stake; thence south 8 1/2° west 70 yards to a stake in the original line; thence with the original line north 81° west 140 yards to the beginning, containing two acres more or less and is the property known as the Pest House and lot belonging to the Town of Smithfield.

This March 9th, 1910.
JAMES A. WELLONS,
Mayor of Smithfield.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Johnston County, Pine Level Township.

Z. Taylor vs. Millard J. Pittman.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 28th day of February 1910, by W. F. Gerald, a Justice of the Peace of Johnston County, North Carolina, for the sum of eighty six dollars and twenty five cents due said plaintiff by account which summons is returnable before said Justice at his office in Pine Level in said County and in Pine Level Township on the 5th day of April 1910. When and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This March 5th, 1910.
W. F. GERALD, J. P.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, in the Superior Court.

Daisy Boykin vs. Jno. R. Boykin.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County, by the plaintiff above named, to annul and declare void the marriage entered into between the plaintiff and defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the May term of Court of said County, to be held on the Tenth Monday after the First Monday in March, it being the 16th day of May 1910, at the court-house of said County in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

W. S. STEVENS,
Clerk of Superior Court.

JOHN E. WOODARD,
Attorney for plaintiff.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Admr. on the estate of R. J. Castleberry deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 4th day of Feb. 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 28 day of Feb. 1910.
Mrs. S. C. CASTLEBERRY, Admx.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Martha McCullers deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 18 day of February 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 12 day of February, 1910.
J. N. COBB, Administrator.

S. S. HOLT, Attorney.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Levi Rodgers deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 25 day of February, 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 23 day of February, 1910.
D. B. OLIVER, Admr.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of N. G. Pilkinton, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 4th day of March, 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 3 day of March, 1910.
J. B. Pilkinton, Admr.

Pine Level, No. 1.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

State of North Carolina, Department of State.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Selma Iron Works Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Selma, County of Johnston, State of North Carolina (N. E. Edgerton being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, Therefore, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 18 day of February 1910, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have here to set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 18 day of February, A. D. 1910.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

North Carolina, Johnston County. In the Superior Court Before the Clerk.

W. W. Stewart, John E. Stanley, W. E. Stanley, R. E. Stanley and Sarah A. Stanley.

vs.

Lula Massengill and Henry Massengill.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Johnston County, made on Feb. 12, 1910, in the above entitled action, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on Thursday March 17, 1910, at 1 o'clock p. m., that tract of land in Ingram's township, Johnston County, known as the Barbara A. Stanley land, containing 46 acres more or less, and adjoining the lands of Richard Massengill, W. E. Stanley and others, the description of which is more fully set forth in the above mentioned pleadings.

This Feb. 14, 1910.
S. S. HOLT, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as executor on the estate of Mrs. Carrie Fuller deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 4th day of Feb. 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 27th day of Jan. 1910.
W. L. WOODALL, Executor

POU & BROOKS, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Caroline Hartley deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 11th day of February 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 5th day of February, 1910.
A. A. Hartley, Administrator.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Martha McCullers deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me or to my attorney, Mr. S. S. Holt, duly verified on or before the 18 day of February 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 12 day of February, 1910.
J. N. COBB, Administrator.

S. S. HOLT, Attorney.

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This 23 day of February, 1910.
D. B. OLIVER, Admr.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of N. G. Pilkinton, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 4th day of March, 1911 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 3 day of March, 1910.
J. B. Pilkinton, Admr.

Pine Level, No. 1.