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MR. MARROW GIVES HIS VIEW OF TAXES

Smithfield, N. C., Jan. 24, 1921. To the Editors of The Smithfield Herald:

Under the caption "Have Your Taxes Increased" in the last several issues of your paper you have published quite a few instances in which the taxes have greatly increased. It stands to reason that those persons who are paying less taxes are satisfied and therefore have paid no attention to your invitation to send in the amount their taxes have decreased. It seems to me the only way to get at an accurate and fair estimate of this situation, which I know you want to present to the readers of your paper, is to consult the tax books of the sheriff, which are public property.

For your convenience in presenting this question fairly I have compiled from the Smithfield Township tax books the following list of persons who will pay less tax in 1920 than they did in 1919. This list goes through the first three letters of the alphabet and then includes a few other names through the remainder of the list which are representative tax payers—some large and some small.

I think you will agree with me that the only way to answer the question which you have raised in your paper is by a consideration not of a few tax payers but of all the tax payers. It is interesting to note by reference to the tax books fully fifty per cent of the individuals paying taxes are paying less tax this year than they did last year. And if we include in the list those whose taxes have not increased more than ten per cent, the increase allowed by the Machinery Act, more than sixty per cent of the tax payers would fall in this class.

H. B. MARROW.

Name	1919	1920
Abell & Gray	\$ 148.06	\$139.72
Ailsbrook, W. H.	19.84	15.78
Aycock, R. N., admr.	58.56	45.15
Anderson, W. L.	5.92	2.10
Avera, W. J.	14.70	3.42
Avera, John T.	23.77	20.33
Allen, R. B.	8.96	6.89
Alford, R. H.	10.43	8.69
Austin, W. H.	397.70	331.80
Austin-Stephenson		
Company	1,000.02	875.01
Austin-Long Mule Co	266.07	174.44
Adams, J. W.	8.82	5.11
Adams, L. E.	14.53	7.19
Adams, W. N.	16.80	8.42
Adams, D. E.	12.57	10.40
Adams, H. B.	8.97	5.05
Adams, W. O.	6.41	3.05
Adams, C. F.	10.66	4.42
Atkinson, T. H.	16.52	6.12
Barnes, Percy L.	3.72	2.85
Barnes, J. W.	24.51	19.44
Bailey, Mrs. J. R.	45.35	34.99
Bailey, Florida	6.32	4.82
Barbour, C. J.	10.08	6.05
Barbour, W. O.	11.65	6.54
Barbour, M. T.	9.58	4.05
Barbour, R. R.	4.87	4.68
Barbour, I. A.	3.49	.17
Barbour, J. D.	17.18	10.79
Baker, A. P.	16.40	4.49
Baker, J. P.	21.37	14.72
Baker, Mrs. Ella	60.65	24.90
Beasley, Fletcher	5.11	2.49
Beatty & Lassiter	103.31	80.51
Boykin, B. B.	13.60	9.95
Bradley, J. A.	4.77	2.49
Blackman, W. M.	5.64	3.32
Blackman, J. P.	13.94	12.73
Branch, W. J.	18.64	6.50
Brinkley, J. S.	17.02	13.66
Benson, W. Z.	11.22	10.55
Blandy, Mrs. M. H.	312.24	157.70
Brooks, F. H. (guard)	27.15	12.45
Brooks, Mrs. Lelia P.	26.70	15.57
Brady, S. A.	14.40	7.77
Brady, Geo. A.	16.92	12.37
Brady, J. H.	14.85	8.64
Brown, Paul V.	17.59	13.84
Brown, Sam D.	18.15	9.90
Brown, Lawrence	11.48	5.59
Booker, J. E.	31.43	13.33
Byrd, W. H.	10.94	3.71
Byrd, Mrs. W. H.	61.72	57.54
Boydette, Mrs. J. D.	103.19	63.41
Broadhurst, F. K. (Trustee)	85.51	34.03
Bryant, Oscar	20.48	13.28
Batten, Jesse	7.52	.19
Baucum, H. W.	23.20	13.55
Barnette, Louise H.	5.70	4.98
Capps, Uzzell	13.04	5.89
Capps, W. L.	9.80	4.00
Capps, J. R.	17.79	5.75
Capps, J. J.	12.43	9.59
Creech, R. A.	28.04	16.28
Creech, D. A.	66.78	44.99
Creech, W. S. & J. A.	7.63	3.98
Creech, A. S.	94.08	78.72
Creech, T. D.	63.66	61.48
Creech, J. C.	46.55	41.67
Creech, W. D.	25.56	20.41
Creech, Jas. R.	23.33	21.09
Creech, W. S.	43.33	37.21
Coats, J. H.	17.74	8.78
Coats, R. L.	10.80	4.45
Coats, J. A.	6.84	2.49
Coats, J. B.	26.76	19.08
Cole, W. W.	88.57	27.20
Cole, H.	4.71	4.15

CORINTH NEWS

Rev. C. H. Cashwell filled his regular appointment at Corinth Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Verona and Lillie and Iva Hocutt attended church at Bethany Saturday.

Miss Jessie Narron of Dixie spent Saturday night with Miss Christine Oneal.

Misses Maybelle and Lounette Price of Hales Chapel section spent the week-end with Miss Flonnie Liles.

Miss Viola Bass, of Goldsboro, is spending sometime with Miss Christine Oneal.

Rev. R. L. Hocutt and son, Costa, motored to Zebulon Saturday on business.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis was very badly burned last Monday.

Miss Verona Hocutt is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Carmel Creech, in the Bethany section.

Mr. Bud Thomasson and family of near Hepsibah church have recently moved back to this community. We gladly welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Griswold of Selma have recently moved to our community.

Mr. W. H. Oneal made a business trip to Middlesex one day last week.

Mrs. Nellie Oneal recently caught a big hawk which measured 4 feet 2 inches from tip to tip.

Mr. Emmett Stencil, of near Kenly visited at Mr. Z. T. Bissett's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Narron, of Antioch section visited at Mr. C. W. Hocutt's Sunday.

Among the sick we note this week are Mr. G. A. Briggs and little Sadie Mae Hocutt. We hope they will soon be out again.

Several people from Wendell attended church at Corinth Sunday.

Messrs Paul Hocutt, Osmond Wilder and Coy Hinton of the Emit section visited at Mr. Bud Thomasson's Saturday night.

Outdoor Window Boxes in Winter

Window boxes are a joy in summer and why not make them a joy for winter as well? Of course you cannot have them brilliant with red geraniums, but you can have them filled with branches of white pine and sumac boughs. The mission of a window box may just as well be perennial as annual, using perennials through the year. Naturally nothing can be cultivated in these boxes in winter, but they can be filled with more or less permanent evergreen branches and dried flowers.

The boxes should be filled with damp sand into which stick masses of white pin, box holly, cedar, laurel or hemlock. These will always furnish the main mass of the box and with some of them as a background it is possible to build up a large number of outdoor effects that will take spectators far afield the moment they look out of the window.—Christian Science Monitor.

Two Million Dollar Fire

A two million dollar fire which wiped out a block and a half of the business district of Athens, Ga., raged for hours, the fire beginning at midnight Monday night. The origin of the fire is a matter of mystery. Fire apparatus and firemen were rushed from Atlanta on a special train.

Childers, G. H.	5.37	2.99
Caudell, A. R.	58.60	46.14
Crocker, Waldo	7.65	3.68
Crump, E. F.	73.09	64.37
Cotton, S. A.	10.33	9.18
Campbell, J. A.	30.37	27.09
Ennis, J. C.	28.79	15.58
Ellington, H. D.	47.44	32.70
Edmondson, E. S.	152.72	136.43
Grantham Miss Alice	41.18	21.85
Grimes, W. F.	172.72	116.70
Holt, C. T.	138.33	129.05
Holt, S. S.	92.31	90.32
Powell, H. S.	41.64	38.98
Pou, James H.	78.00	64.98
Patterson, L. G.	116.59	61.80
Pollard, Henry	6.00	4.32
Sanders, W. M.	2859.95	2074.17
Sanders Motor Co.	525.27	355.70
J. D. Dickens & Co.	402.73	239.43
Grantham, W. M.	90.95	62.94
Hamilton, B. N.	57.48	53.95
Jordan, T. C.	347.24	236.57
Parrish, F. H.	789.92	415.13
Peedin & Peterson	116.76	84.60
Gordon, W. J.	30.83	20.40
Lane, W. T.	.91	.63
Parker, J. D.	136.71	126.04
Stephenson, A. G.	24.16	20.75

MISS EDITH POWELL NOW IN CIVIL SERVICE

Since our postoffice went into second class on July 1, 1920, the employees are to go into civil service. Miss Edith Powell, by virtue of her experience in the office, has been given a classified status and is now entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred upon classified employees. It was the judgment of the commission that one of the clerks should be a man so there will be an examination held sometime in the near future to fill that place, and also to get others on the eligible register to fill any vacancy which might occur in the future.

This position starts with a salary of \$1400 per year and goes up \$100 each year with satisfactory service until it reaches \$1800 per year. They work eight hours per day, six days to the week, these eight hours to come within a ten-hour period. This salary with its privileges, should attract some of our best young men. Persons from eighteen to forty-five (I think is the age limit) are eligible. Civil service employees get 15 days holiday with pay and ten days per year sick leave with pay if needed.

There is also another attractive feature to civil service positions. The employees are retired with a lifetime annuity if they remain in the service until they reach the retirement age. They can be transferred from one department of service to another, even from one town or city to another if desired. This examination will be open to both men and women for position as clerk.

The village carriers we now have by virtue of their experience, have passed into civil service. But there will also be an examination to place others on the eligible register to fill any vacancy which may occur.

We expect in the not very far future to have another village route, and if our corporate limits are extended we will very probably have two more carriers. We trust that we will have a number of applicants so that these worthy positions may be filled by persons who will add dignity to the service and to our town.

Sarah A. Lunceford, P. M.

More About Taxes

Editors Smithfield Herald:—

I see in THE HERALD a notice given for everybody who thinks their tax is too high to give notice in the HERALD, so I will take this occasion to complain. I think land taxes are outrageous, although I had about decided to say nothing thinking maybe the government wanted to take the land in hand, and I have made up my mind not to care how soon for the sooner the better for a great many hard working farmers who are trying honestly to support their families and make the money it is now taking to pay these outrageous Land Taxes. No sensible man that tills the earth would have ever thought of such taxation on land. I have a little home but I am very sorry that I didn't get rid of it last year. I feel like I want to speak of something that has come under my observation right lately. It was but a week ago I saw a poor widow woman and her little girl blundering around in the woods trying to get up something to burn and to cook with. The girls of a poor woman who had no son and did not have money to get a pair of shoes apiece for her little girl and pay her taxes. Then going up the road went a stout burly negro with a fairly good education road free, in fact taxed free in every respect with a cigar stuck in his mouth and the smoke rolling now I am bound to say there is bound to be something wrong to make ignorant girls pay taxes to educate such characters and to feed them in the almshouse. My tax was \$50.00 in 1919 and for 1920 they are \$108.86.

Yours respectfully,

J. E. WINSTON,
Zebulon, N. C., R. No. 1.

Hold Up in Smithfield

Smith: Did you hear of the hold up here yesterday?

Jones: Why, no, what about it?
Smith: Two clothes pins held up a shirt on the main Clothes line.

COTTON ACREAGE MEETING JANUARY 31

January 31st, is "Cotton Acreage Reduction Day" in North Carolina. There will be a meeting at the court house at Smithfield at 2 p. m., on that day, Monday 31st for that purpose and to further the Cotton Export Corporation.

This is a whole cotton South reduction campaign. We have 5000 pledges to be signed in Johnston county. The pledge calls for one-third of your land in cotton. So you see that many farmers will not have to reduce but it is necessary that you sign the pledge anyway because the more we have signed up the more attention the cotton price makers will give us and raise the price of cotton as a consequence. It must be done or we will be worse off next season. These pledges are going to be signed up from now till after planting time. Then after planting time we are going to have a committee in each township to call on those who did not sign up or reduce. This is going to be done in the whole South too. So you see we mean business this time. These are rules and instructions adopted at the state convention and national convention by our representatives from every community in the South.

Come to the meeting the 31st, and help do this most important thing up right and in a hurry. If you do nothing now, you have no right to complain later; because you have a chance to do something now for yourself and your neighbor. I am at your service if you will help for twenty-five cent cotton next fall.

A. M. JOHNSON,
Secretary-Treasury American Cotton Association Johnston county.

Defends Welfare Work

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, director of Child Welfare in the State, in an article in a recent News and Observer, defends the Welfare Work which the Nash bill proposes to abolish. She mentions specifically one worker who receives \$1200 and an allowance of \$25 for expenses per year. In commenting on the situation, Mrs. Johnson says:

"This superintendent is paid less than most convict guards receive, yet she has handled 82 delinquent and neglected children. Will the time ever come when county commissioners can be educated to the fact that the most economical work is the preventive work done for children? We will never stop paying convict guards and taking care of convicts and building jails and paying for keepers until we begin to deal with the delinquent children in a constructive way and sensible way.

"From this county during the past year two boys were sent to the Jackson training school and one girl to Samarcaud. It costs the county nothing to send these children to State institutions from which they will eventually come to take their place in society as good citizens, instead of costing the county hundreds of dollars in the future as convicts and a prostitute.

"Are we fallen upon such hard times in North Carolina that the children of our State have to be sacrificed to the petty economy of county commissioners who see in \$1,200 a year more than the welfare of 82 children given preventive and remedial care."

The record of the superintendent in question as given by Mrs. Johnson is as follows: There were 82 children handled, 54 white and 28 colored, all delinquents except 11 who were dependents. One child was placed in an orphanage, one girl sent to Samarcaud, one child adopted, two boys sent to Jackson Training School, four children sent to the School for the Deaf two patients sent to the Hospital for the Insane, nine children were refused admission to institutions on account of lack of room.

Harding Invited to Charlotte

An invitation has been extended to President-elect Harding to speak in Charlotte on May 20. The invitation was extended on behalf of all the citizens of the state. Mr. Harding has not accepted yet.

A law requiring that all shoes be made of leather might help some to relieve the paper shortage.

NEWS FROM BENSON

Benson, aJn. 27.—Mr. R. F. Smith was in Smithfield Tuesday.

Miss Clara Woodall returned Monday night from Jonesboro where she has been attending a week-end house party given by one of her schoolmates.

Messrs J. R. Barbour, H. A. Parker and George Holland spent Monday in Fayetteville.

Mr. Donnie Johnson has moved his family to Rocky Mount where he has accepted a position in a drug store.

Miss Velma Goodrich spent a few days in Rosemary recently.

Mr. H. V. Rose, county Supervisor of Public Welfare was in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall, of Fayetteville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Denning and Mrs. I. P. Roberts went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Vermelle High spent the week-end with her parents in Wilson.

Mr. Almond Parker went to Richmond last Thursday.

Mr. Preston Woodall was in Raleigh Tuesday on business.

Mr. Alton Hall is teaching at Meadow school.

Miss Lois Carter visited in Fayetteville the past week-end.

Mr. L. A. Hodges made a business trip to Richmond last week.

Mr. Oneal Brady, who has a government position in Wilmington, visited his parents here recently.

Mr. William Woodall was in Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Annette Gordan of Hamlet is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Barbour.

Mr. W. H. Royall was in Fayetteville Saturday on business.

Mr. J. H. Boone went to Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Johnson of Fayetteville was in town a few days recently.

The Benson High school basketball team added two victories to its list within the past few days. They played Fayetteville Friday, the score being 33 to 10 in favor of Benson and Dunn Tuesday, beating them 35 to 20. This was the second victory they have won from Dunn this season.

Mrs. E. M. Hall was the charming hostess to the John Charles McNeil Boob Club at her home on Church street Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The subject for study being a continuation of Southern Short gram was heartily enjoyed: "Writers of Cracker and Creole Life," a paper by Mrs. A. T. Lassiter; a story by Kate Chopin illustrating Creole life, by Mrs. M. T. Britt; Piano solo "Waltz in D Major" by Carol M. Beecher played by Miss Ethel Hall; and a story illustrating Cracker Life by Mrs. A. S. Oliver. Supt. T. L. Wells was present to discuss with the club conditions upon which the club medal is to be given and other school matters in which the club is interested. A check was given him by the treasurer for twenty-five dollars for the laboratory equipment. Mrs. Hall assisted by Mrs. I. P. Roberts served a delightful salad course with hot coffee.

Two Royal Weddings

The approaching marriage of princesses and princesses of the Greek and Rumanian royal families will be the first weddings of members of European reigning houses since the world war began. According to a recent announcement the Rumanian Crown Prince Carol and Princess Helen, the oldest daughter of Constantine of Greece, will be married at Athens the last of this month, and the Duke of Sparta, Constantine's oldest son, and Princess Elizabeth of Rumania will be wed at Bucharest early in February. The beginning of both of these romances dates back to the early days of the war—the wedding of the Duke of Sparta and Princess Elizabeth was announced for the spring of 1915. That the marriages are at last to take place is due in a large measure to the restoration of Constantine to the Greek throne.—New York Herald.

Chatham Woman Burned

Mrs. G. W. Riggsbee, of Colon, Chatham county, was fatally burned last week, when she fell in a fainting spell, close enough to the fire for her clothes to catch. She gave the alarm and her husband put out the flames, but until she had received fatal injuries.

He that goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing.—Franklin.

N. C. GETS \$2,350,000 ROAD APPROPRIATION

Washington, Jan. 25.—North Carolina will receive nearly \$2,500,000 in Federal aid for road building under a bill reported favorably by the House public roads committee this morning.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for Federal aid for the various states in 1922. Apportionment is made on three basis, population of the various states, their area and their mileage of post roads. Under the 1920 census, North Carolina's share of the \$100,000,000 would be \$2,350,000, but if the 1920 census figures are used, the quota will be several thousand dollars greater, by reason of the large population gain North Carolina showed in 1920.

Representative Doughton of the Eighth North Carolina district, a minority member of the roads committee, has assurances from the majority leaders that the bill will be expedited. The present plan is to call it up on the first calendar suspension day, which will be February 7, and rush it through. Should there be a jam in the Senate during the closing hours of the session, as there is certain to be, then it is the plan of those who are urging this extension of Federal aid to tack the bill on to one of the annual department appropriation bills and get it through. It was in this manner that the original appropriation for Federal aid for roads was made, an appropriation of \$200,000,000 to be expended during a period of three years being attached to the annual postoffice bill three or four years ago. Under this appropriation of which one-third was expended annually, North Carolina was appropriated altogether slightly more than \$6,000,000, so that an increase in the road work is contemplated in the present bill. In addition, Western North Carolina will get some of the benefits from an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for forest road and trail construction. Some of this money will be expended in the national forests in the vicinity of Asheville.—Joe L. Baker in News and Observer.

Paying and Waiting

One of the things that has saved the country from a financial panic is the fairly common practice of facing the situation with sufficient philosophy to consider the other fellows' position. Those who are trying to make collections have used much discretion in dealing with those who owe them, and those who owe have been doing reasonably well in trying to pay. But all have recognized that to show undue pressure in collections will only force that pressure along the line to others and in turn put the same force on the whole business world. That would have brought a collapse of the entire structure.

On the other hand an effort to pay has been general. Those who could pay have been trying to clear their accounts, and their willingness has helped very materially in keeping the financial sky as clear as it is. It is true that some who could have done better have been backward with their bills, but the mistake is largely their own, for at some later date when they want credit they will be remembered. This is a time for all men to help in the common cause as far as they can, and to that extent everybody can help some. While everybody who can continue to extend credit is doing it, those who can pay a little or much have on their hands the duty of doing it as fully as those who have accounts due are expected to be as lenient as they can and keep within bounds of safe business methods.—News and Observer.

Will Grow Fastest

Oxford is another community which believes in schools. Some time ago it decided on an investment of \$75,000 in more buildings and Tuesday it voted \$50,000 additional for a high school and in the future the communities like Greensboro, High Point and Oxford make thorough provisions for schools are the communities which, other things being equal, are going to grow the fastest and be the greatest force in the life of the state.—Raleigh News and Observer.

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.—Franklin.