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THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUESTION

County government is the big question up for discussion these gloomy and perilous days.

It is being kicked around more than a step-child. College professors, the heads of State departments, in fact everybody that has a brass-toed boot is kicking county government. Some of them are telling the truth about it and some are not, because there is some good reasoning on both sides.

But to criticize county government in principle is nothing less than a violation of the foundation stone of Democracy.

There exists a feeling in almost all of us that our ideas are the best. The legislature makes all the plans for all of our county activities by giving us a law to govern us at every point, which law tells us all the things we shall do as well as all the things we shall not do. The county commissioners happen to be the particular victims entrusted with the special business of levying taxes according to law and spending the money received according to law. It is a great job they have. Our form of government provides courts to criticize and correct county commissioners and when it comes to criticizing them everybody is helping the courts.

It is a fact that the people select many good men to act as county commissioners who are entirely incapable of handling such a large business as naturally comes before them. Yet that will be the case regardless of who is charged with this important function of government of counties so long as political influence can be used in the selection of the commissioner, commissioners, manager, or managers of county affairs. With one man to boss things it would be easier to approach him than it is to approach a half dozen.

Another unfair thing in the general criticism of the county government plan is that the whole truth is not generally reflected. In our own county the board of county commissioners is forced by law to levy and collect for school purposes 95 cents on the \$100 valuation, and turn this money over to the county school board. The commissioners have nothing in the world to do with the expenditure, though they have to levy the tax or be indicted.

For general county purposes they ation, which is the measly sum at their disposal, except a 10 cent tax for roads and bridges. Then if there is any unwise expenditures being made, the old county form, which is being so harshly criticised, is only responsible for one-fifth of the trouble, while the county school board is responsible for the other four-fifths of the errors, if there is any wrong being committed.

It is perhaps safe to say that the county commissioners are getting as much per dollar expended as the board of education. Still there is no crusade against that system. There is no reason why the same criticism should not lie against both. It can not be explained except perhaps that the school boards are operating more as the agencies of the great central system at Raleigh than the county commissioners are.

There is no public business quite

like the business that comes before the county commissioners. Their duties are more nearly comparable to that of the head of a family than any other business or avocation. They start the year with the hope of good health, good weather, good crops, and good prices. The commissioners hope there will be no new paupers to help, no old ones to bury, no bridges to wash away, no prisoners to feed, not much court costs nor other expenses; but, like the householder, there are accidents and expenses unseen, all of which have to be taken care of. Under our form of county government, mistakes are made, just as they are made by the best-managing individuals in their affairs.

But the real question arising is, "Do county boards corrupt the funds that come into their hands, and if so, will five men, or three men, serving in the capacity of county commissioners be more apt to do wrong than one man as county manager?"

The State can not criticize the county plan, neither for efficiency nor extravagance. The State has recently spent \$75,000 for an audit and still has to guess what it owes and how much it costs to run the penitentiary.

County government has cost the people some useless expenditures in the past, but it has given the people as many blessings per dollar as any other tax money that the people of North Carolina have spent.

CONGRESS IS AFRAID TO GO HOME

There has been some mystery as to why Congress has not adjourned. The mystery has cleared away somewhat though since the record of their achievements has been reviewed. It has been found that they have done so little they are either afraid or ashamed to go home.

The have almost talked themselves to death about farm relief, prohibition, the anti-trust law, Muscle Shoals the coal strike; yet nothing has been done for farm relief, nothing about prohibition (except lower the reserve) nothing about Muscle Shoals, except to get ready and build an excuse to turn it over to the fertilizer and power trusts at some day in the near future; nothing has been done about the coal question, except wait and let the barons fill their pockets on cold people's money, while the hungry miners shivered.

One Washington observer has said they were watching and waiting. That may be right, yet there is a difference of opinion about it, because another says they are drinking and waiting.

Certainly this does not apply to all, because there are still a few good men—even in Congress there may be found and there are those who faithfully perform their honest duty.

So far as the folks are concerned, they will be just as well satisfied if Congress adjourns and goes fishing as to stay in Washington and make gas attacks and do nothing.

GOSSIP

By James D. Taylor

If we only knew that gossip leads to sorrow, pain, and woe, perhaps we would guard our conversations more carefully. Most of us do know this,

yet we often state as facts what are nothing more than mere conclusions from our own—must I say—false impressions. Gossip will wreck souls and break up homes. Have you ever noticed that those who go around with a lot of gossip and speaking of other's faults, seldom do any real constructive good work. They seem to have more time than anyone else, and usually have more faults. Anyone that will gossip—as we know the meaning of the word—will usually lie. They do not intend to tell falsehoods, nor do they tell something they know to be untrue, but they will make statements that they do not know to be facts. And they are telling falsehoods all the time.

I attended a reception in a Christian home, and the guests were all church members. Supposed to be Christians. An incident during the evening would have been forgotten within the hour probably had some

one not started a line of gossip the next day. "The story went from one to another until two weeks later it was told to me by a party who did not attend the reception nor knew that I attended. The story was not recognizable. Great harm had been done to a young lady who was beyond reproach. Once a story gets started it's hard to stop. If the truth is later learned, probably some who heard it

have moved to some other community and started other tongues. It's an awful thing to gossip.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by A. E. Lilley and wife, Carrie V. Lilley on the 22nd day of May 1925, and recorded in book of mortgages X-2, pages 77-78, we will on Saturday the 24th day of July 1926, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Williamston, Mar-

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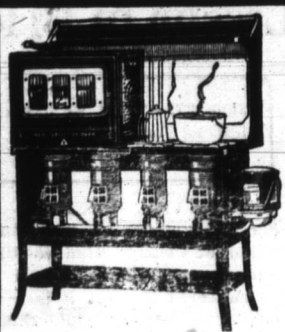
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I am just making, as the Politician says, "A swing around the Circle," to see what was going on in "Real America." I had been in New York so long, I was getting a kind of a Subway "Slant" on things. I was becoming as narrow as a Metropolitan Newspaper Editorial Writer. My eyesight was getting so poor I couldn't see beyond the Hudson River, and my mind wouldn't function farther away than Albany, N. Y.

I knew that New York was "amusing the world," but I wanted to meet the fellow who was "feeding it." I am kinder oddly constituted. You can cut off my amusement, but if my food stops you are going to have an argument on your hands.

I, as Editor and Proprietor of the Bull's Eye, wanted to meet not only the readers, but the consumers of THIS Wonderful Product of OURS. (The American Tobacco Company and me.) Well, I wish you could see the type of Men they were. Big fine healthy upstanding He-Men. They were not the little Anemics that has to tap his Cigarette on the box before he can smoke it. They were our Producers of our Necessities of Life. When I saw the type of He-Men smoking "Bull" Durham, it almost made me cry, that I wasn't a smoker myself.

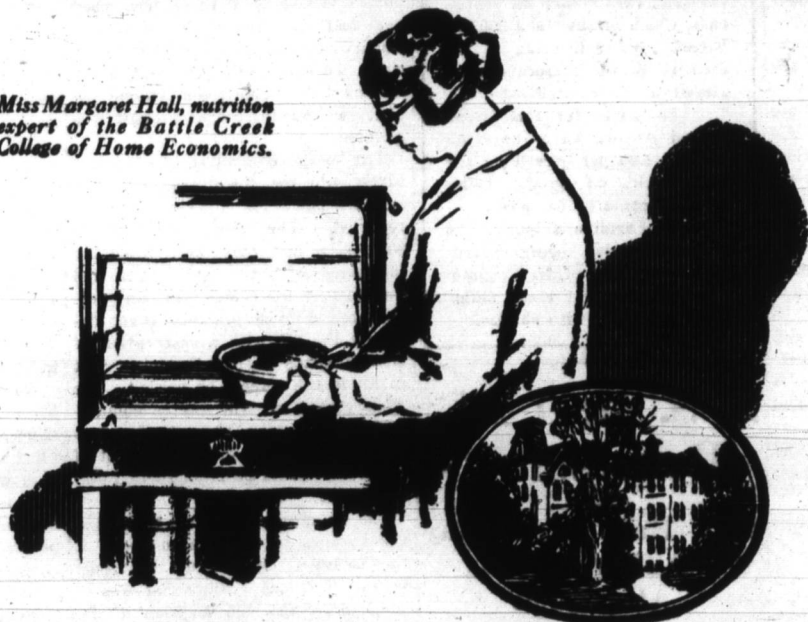
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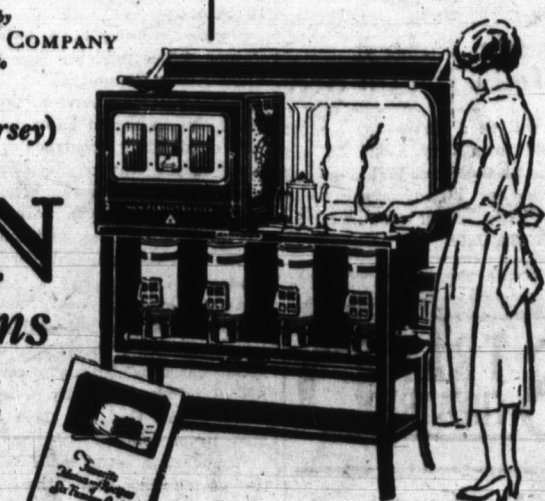
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