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### Education vs. Relief Rolls

The State has one of two alternatives: It can either educate or feed its people.

The State that educates will find no need for a bread line, except in extraordinary cases.

It is estimated that less than 5 per cent of those people who apply for public relief have ever passed the fifth grade, and not more than 1 per cent have graduated from high school. A very large percentage of all those in this part of the country are unable to read or write their own name.

If all the people now on relief rolls could suddenly be transformed and educated up to standard high-school grades, within 90 days more than half of them would doubtless find some way to slide off public charity and become self-supporting.

An educated person may be too lazy to work, yet he can easily make himself a job. An uneducated man cannot make himself a job; he has to take such as he can get.

### Tax Listing Time Again

The time for listing taxes is almost here, with the same old methods prevailing of every man doing his own valuing; which only means that the man who is fair and square will think of each item of property and put the taxable value and the insurable value at the same figures.

The man who had rather not pay very much tax naturally forgets many little items, such as gold watches, diamond rings or studs, cash in pocket, and the like. He also regards pianos, plows, wagons, cows, horses, and such items as furniture as not worth very much.

There will never be a fair distribution of the tax burden so long as every man does his own valuing. The liberal honest man will pay too much, while the close stingy fellow will pay too little.

If the property of every man could be valued by a board of assessors after a careful inspection and all the values put on the same basis, it would be far more satisfactory and it should be done.

### Forest-Fire Prevention

Much is being said and some little is being done about the prevention of forest fires. All of which has some value. Yet we do not seem to be able to hit the main spots that would do the most good. First, there is the fellow who has no land, no care, and very little character, who too often deliberately fires his neighbor's woods. The second most destructive woods-burner is the fellow who will set fire to a straw field to catch one rabbit, often burning thousands of dollars worth of good timber.

The careless handling of fire makes woodland investments a very risky thing. Timberland worth considerable money today may be of little value tomorrow because a careless handler of matches has caused the destruction of the timber.

More execution of the laws against the careless use of fire and a more extensive teaching of the people, especially the young people, will reduce the loss caused by forest fires.

### Fire Insurance Costs Too Much

The legislature should have passed the bill proposing the revaluation of property insured by fire insurance associations, especially country property.

It is almost an assured fact that something like half of the losses by stock fire insurance companies are caused by being overinsured.

The experienced may be cited of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina, which has operated for 40 years in this state, carrying at present the sum of about \$40,000,000 in risks on country property entirely, a class of property, which in many cases, the old-line companies would not insure. Yet this insurance has cost its policyholders less than \$3.50 per \$1,000, on an average, for the entire period. In 1934 the cost was less than 25 cents per \$100.

Ten billion dollars worth of Farmers Mutual Fire insurance in force in the United States costs the insured annually less than 25 cents per \$100. Many of these companies or associations have existed for a hundred years.

While we have no way of knowing what amount fire insurance protection is costing the people of this State, we believe that frequent examinations and premiums based on three-fourths values would reduce the insurance cost 40 per cent or more.

Certainly the fire insurance companies are either charging too much for insurance, or they are paying too much to people who are burning their property for the insurance carried on it.

### Governmental Costs Low in State

Government in North Carolina costs much less than in most States, despite the many howls to the contrary. In fact, only six States in the Union can show a lower per capita cost.

The total cost of all items requiring town, county, and State taxation is \$40.07 per capita in this State, and this amount includes the maintenance and building of all the streets, all the roads, all the interest costs, maintaining courts, asylums, schools; in fact, every item for which we collect and pay taxes.

The highest per capita cost of any of the States is in Nevada, where the total runs up to \$130.99. The lowest is in Georgia, where the cost is only \$33.62, just 5 cents per person more than Alabama.

The average for the United States is \$76.80, putting the cost in North Carolina only a little over half as much as in the average state.

### HOME FOR SALE IN WILLIAMSTON, N. C. See L. B. Culpepper, City. f-19 1f

### LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS**  
North Carolina, Martin County.  
In the Superior Court, Special Proceeding No. 747.

S. E. Close and wife, Maggie Fields, vs. Elijah L. Fields, Joshua M. Fields, Dr. R. M. Fields, Leeta or Louella Worsley James and Herbert James, and other defendants, heirs at law of Orange Fields, deceased.

The defendants, Joshua H. Fields, Dr. R. M. Fields, Arthur Fields, Henrietta Fields, Margarie Fields, William Fields, and Ruby Fields, Elisha C. Fields, Henry Orange Fields, and Lemon Fields, Leeta or Louella Worsley James, and Herbert James, will take notice that a special proceeding for the partition and division of the lands and the estate of Orange Fields, deceased, has been filed in this court in title as above, for the purpose of dividing and allotting the lands and property of said Orange Fields, deceased, among the heirs at law as set forth in the said petition, and that said defendants are required to answer the said petition, or file such other plea as they are advised, on or before the 8th day of April, 1935, or the relief demanded by the petitioners will be granted. Further notice is given that Guardian Ad Litem will be appointed for Margarie Fields, William Fields, and Ruby Fields, heirs at law of George Fields, deceased.

This February 21st, 1935.  
L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court Martin County.  
S. J. Everett, Atty. 126 4tw

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County.  
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Joe L. Matthews, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same to the undersigned, or his attorney, within twelve months after the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 4th day of February, 1935.  
R. T. McCLARON,  
Administrator of the Estate of Joe L. Matthews, deceased. 18 6tw  
Elbert S. Peal, attorney at law, Williamston, N. C.

### NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court.  
Slade, Rhodes & Company vs. W. M. Highamith, Jesse Harrell, C. C. Williams and J. C. Williams.  
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned in the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on the 1st day of April, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the title, right, and interest which the said J. C. Williams, one of the defendants, has in the following described personal property and real estate, to wit:

First tract: Being located near Oak City, N. C., bounded on the west by Highway No. 11, on the south by Lum Jenkins, on the east by Mac Harrell and on the north by Lum Jenkins. Containing 18 acres, more or less, excepting from said tract 100 by around 225 feet on the north side of said land, which was allotted to J. C. Williams as a part of his homestead.

Second tract: Bounded on the north by the lands of John Brown, on the east by the lands of Henry Burnette, on the south by the lands of Floyd Harrell, on the west by Railroad Street in the town of Oak City, N. C., and known as the Jesse Williams home.

Third tract: Situated in Martin County, adjoining the lands of Joshua Bell in Goose Nest Township, containing 10 acres, more or less, and being the identical lands described in a deed from H. K. Harrell and wife to Jesse Williams, the deed of record in book 333, at page 396, Martin County registry and described in a deed which is hereby referred to and made a part of this description.

Fourth tract: Situated in Martin County and fully described in a deed from Thaddeus G. Grimes and wife to Jesse Williams and said deed being of record in book NNN, page 590, Martin County registry. The description therein being referred to and made a part hereof for the purpose of giving a more accurate description of the lands herein intended to be conveyed.

Fifth tract: Situated in Martin County and fully described in a deed from Thaddeus G. Grimes and wife to Jesse Williams and said deed being of record in book NNN, page 590, Martin County registry. The description therein being referred to and made a part hereof for the purpose of giving a more accurate description of the lands herein intended to be conveyed.

Sixth tract: Situated in Martin County, adjoining the lands of the late H. K. Harrell, J. E. Rawls, et al, and fully described in a deed from N. M. Worsley and wife, S. N. Worsley, to Jesse Williams, of record in public registry, Martin County, in book 000, page 258, which record is hereby referred to and made a part hereof for the purpose of giving a more accurate description of the lands to be conveyed. Containing 10 acres, more or less.

Seventh tract: Situated in Martin County, adjoining the lands of the late H. K. Harrell and others, and designated as lots Nos. 7, 9, and 11, containing 3 23-100 acres, more or less, and fully described in a deed from N. S. Foreman to J. W. Williams, of record in the public registry of Martin County in book 000, page 257, which said deed is referred to and made a part hereof for a more accurate description of the lands intended to be conveyed, said tract to contain one acre, more or less.

Eighth tract: Situated in Martin County, adjoining the lands of the late John T. Hyman, T. B. Burnette, W. B. Rawls and others. Containing 2-5 acre, more or less, said premises being fully set out in a deed from W. B. Ross and wife, et al, to Jesse Williams, of record in book 000, page 259, of Martin County Registry, which deed is hereby referred to for a more accurate description of the lands to be conveyed.

Ninth tract: Situated in Martin County, adjoining lands of Beulah Williams, et al. Containing 2 9-80 acres, more or less, and said premises being fully described in a deed of record in book 000, page 361, Martin County Registry, and is hereby referred to for a more accurate description of the lands to be conveyed.

Also the following personal property: One black and spotted bull, one jersey milk cow and one white-spotted calf.

This 28th day of February, 1935.  
C. B. ROEBUCK,  
Sheriff Martin County.

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ty, Goose Nest Township, adjoining the lands of Mrs. S. B. Williams, and others, and fully described in a deed from B. W. Foreman to J. W. Williams, of record in the public registry of Martin County in book 000, page 257, which said deed is referred to and made a part hereof for a more accurate description of the lands intended to be conveyed, said tract to contain one acre, more or less.

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Book 000, page 361, Martin County Registry, and is hereby referred to for a more accurate description of the lands to be conveyed.

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