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#### Check The Values

Before a people should relegate its taxing systems, local, state and national, they should check the value received from such a system. Possibly it would be better for taxpayers to stop grumbling so much until they determined for themselves if they are getting value received for every dollar paid in taxes.

Ninety-nine out of a hundrd will tell you that taxes are high and should be lowered, but hardly one out of a hundred will even consider the value he receives directly or indirectly from the general tax system.

In this country we have joined together in shifting to the governmental agencies the burden of handling those activities that were once handled by the individual. But in shifting the burden, we have denied the agencies the necessary tax support to handle those duties. Before we can expect tax reductions of any consequential size we must accept the responsibility that someone must assume in caring for the needy, the helpless, the poor, the unemployed. And, in addition to that, we must not expect so much from the public agencies:

It may sound a bit strange to some, but there are many good reasons to believe that we have come nearer reciving more for our tax dollar than we have for the one spent by us as an individual

In recent years, and even now, we point out the huge governmental expenditures, expenditures that might bankrupt the nation. But somehow or other one feels that all the billions that have been spent were not spent in vain.

There has been waste, greed and possible corruption accompanying those expenditures, but before we would stop those expenditures in their entirety we would investigate in an effort to eliminate any waste greed and corruption. We would check, not with mal intent but in fairness to ourselves, the work of the public employee and see if he was giving value received for the dollars we pay him in salary

But we don't have time for that; we just sit back and complain because every dollar we can get by fair or foul means is not let in our own hands to squander.

Accidents, illness and death, like lightning, make little impression until they strike close

#### School Days

Vacation days for several thousand school children in Martin County come to a close this week, and already a few, expressing themselves as true individualists, are declaring their liberties are being torn from them by the educators ordering them back to the institutions.

This school business is a serious business, and while it should be lightened with an adequate play and rest schedule, the youth of this county, state and nation should be impressed with the importance of the training offered them Too often they have been directed to consider the value of credits, degrees and diplomas at the expense of the more important things. If a child can be taught to think for himself, and made to realize that liberty and its allied freedoms are to be distributed among all peoples, then that child has laid the foundation for a successful life. What he falls to learn in the school can be readily acquired in practical life. But he must first recognize the guiding forces such as honesty, fairness and righteousness. If a child can be taught to think for himself, to recognize the rights of others and value truth and honesty, he need not worry about passing this or that course, for there is a world of time to learn the few facts that a world traveling head-long into a departmentalized state will require a few gears hence.

Of course our system calls for the successful passage of assigned courses, and it will be futile for the individual to combat such a system. It will be far better to adhere to the system absorb all it has to effer but, at the same time, value the other features that are vitally necessary to a successful life.

#### No Surprise

#### Bertie Ledger-Advance.

There was no surprise in the low prices with which tobacco markets opened last week. Also, there was little complaint; the low prices were accepted as the expected and inevitable result of over-planting and over-production. Even those farmers who were most bitterly opposed to the government programs of control against price-destroying surpluses were not hopeful enough to expect anything other than low prices as the result of lifting all restrictions from tobacco plantings this year, and there are few but that will agree that less tobacco and higher prices would have been better for all concerned. For no matter how much liberty one is allowed in planting tobacco acreage, there is no profit in liberty when the tobacco is sold at prices forced to, or below, the cost of production because too liberal use of liberty has caused an excess of tobacco to be grown. There may be joy in such liberty as this, but there is no profit in tobacco grown at the prices that are being paid this season as a result of it; and, generally, it is to be understood that the object of the dreary labor of tobacco growing is for profit, not the liberty to grow unlimited and unwanted quantities of tobacco.

The privilege, however, of choosing between this doubtful liberty of unlimited production without profit, as contrasted to the profitable prices tobacco farmers in previous years have enjoyed under self-imposed programs of acreage restriction under government supervision, will again be given to farmers sometime this fall. Restrictions were rejected last year for this crop and the low prices brought no surprise. Now, the question is, whether the tobacco farmers are ready to return to controlled production and profitable prices. If this is what they prefer, all they need to do is ask for a chance to vote on the question immediately and when it is submitted to them to cast their vote for the government's assistance in a program of control

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County.
Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Nathan B. Lilley, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned or her attorneys withing twelve (12) months from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in har of their rewill be pleaded in bar of their re-covery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate

This the 28th day of August, 1939.

MABEL LILLEY,
Administratrix of the Estate of
Nathan B. Lilley.

Attys. A29-6 Peel & Manning, Attys.

#### ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Carohna, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C., on or before the 7th day of August 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will be please make immediate payment.

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This the 7th day of August, 1939.
NANNIE S. SAUNDERS,
J. H. SAUNDERS, JR.
Wheeler Martin, Atty. a8-6

#### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County, Having this day qualified as ex-ecutive of the estate of F. C. Ben-nett, deceased, this is to notify all nett, deceased this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned or her attorneys within one year from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of August, 1939.
FANNIE M. BENNETT,
Executrix of the estate of

Executrix of the estate of F. C. Bennett, deceased.
Peel & Manning, Attys.
Williamston, N. C. al

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by A. T. Spruill and wife. Hattle Spruill, dated 23rd day of July, 1938, of record in the Register of Deeds office, Martin County, in Book X-3, page 2 said Deed of Trust securing notes of even date therewith, and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said notes, the said trustee will, on the 21st day of September, 1939, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following obscribed tract of land;

A house and lot in the Town of Williamston, N. C., and being the same house and lot now occupied by the said A. T. Spruill and wife, bounded by White Street, G. T. Hill, Gus Coburn, and Dave Stalls' house and lot. Containing one-fourth (1-4) acre, more or Acss.

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