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**Consider Well Before You Yell Too Loud**

Publication of the county and town delinquent tax lists and mailing out of the 1938 tax notices to mind the rather sore subject of paying our annual toll for the governmental blessings we enjoy. Nobody likes to pay taxes, but they constitute an honest obligation which we should be only too glad to pay, when we come right down to a fair consideration of the matter.

We are not willing to do without any of the comforts and blessings that our tax money purchases, but practically everyone of us, without exception, rise upon our hind legs and howl every time the word "Taxes" is mentioned. Possibly some of the tax money is wasted, but we have the remedy right in our own hands in the ballot, and if the waste becomes too great it is simply a reflection on ourselves and not necessarily on those who are in charge because we are the ones who permit such things.

**Fire Prevention Is Up To the Individual**

You, the reader of this article, possess the fire prevention key. You possess the power to help reduce the nation's fire loss, which now totals about a quarter of a billion annually, to an insignificant sum. And you can help save the ten thousand persons who now die horribly each year from fire.

By the same token, it is you who must pay the bill for our collective national carelessness with fire and its hazards. And it is you who suffer when fire strikes.

Many of us mistakenly think that fire prevention involves the purchase of expensive and complicated equipment, plus an involved system of inspections by high priced experts. That is true only in a minority of cases. A very large proportion of all fires occur in homes and on farms—and in these cases adequate fire prevention usually requires little expenditure of either time or money. Im-

properly stored inflammable liquids, uncaired-for heating plants, amateur electric work, accumulated debris of various kinds in attics, basements, closets and out-buildings—these are major sources of fire. And these grave hazards can be done away with quickly and for little or nothing.

Next time you read of a fire, large or small, think of its cost and being partially paid by you. You pay it in decreased purchasing power, in community retrogression, in lost jobs, in higher insurance rates. Think of the thousands of such fires that constitute America's gigantic and inexorable total waste. Then answer this question: "Is the little effort that would make my property safe, worth while?"

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There is no intention in the booklet, according to the editors, to advocate 40 miles an hour or any other fixed speed as a top limit. To quote: "There are times as in heavy traffic or heavy fog, when 30 miles an hour is suicidal; other times when 50 miles an hour seems reasonable. Every driver should know, however, that if he does have an accident it is more likely to mean death if he is going fast."

Many of the features in the booklet have been prepared especially to show what happens in the higher brackets of speed. It is pointed out, for instance, that a car is four times harder to stop at 50 miles an hour than it is at 25, and nine times harder to stop at 75 miles an hour than at 25. A new word, "turnability" has been coined to express another speed factor. The driver's turnability, the booklet shows, decreases rapidly as his speed increases. Thus, he can make only one-fourth as sharp a turn at 50 miles an hour as he could make at 25 and only one-ninth as sharp a turn at 75 as at 25.

Another set of figures shows that if you have an accident while driving under 40 miles an hour there is only one chance in 44 that somebody will be killed but if your accident comes while you are traveling faster than 40, there is one chance in 19 that somebody will be killed.

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**IT'S—?**

**Rambling R...About**  
By THE RAMBLER

**Too, Too Bad—**

Everybody's feeling sorry for the Cubs. Just let us get a whack at the loser's share of the world series kale—\$4,600 per man—and you can feel just as sorry for us as you want to.

**Final Audit—**

Last week's story about the clerk in Washington who built a fine house out of his "profits" brought in the report of a local soft-drink-stand owner, who, after closely observing the actions of his fountainer one Saturday, casually observed about quitting time:

"Well, it's about 11 o'clock. Just hang up your vest and take the cash register home. I want to check up."

**They Do, Indeed—**

The fellow who thought up the following must have been observing this Rambler's efforts on a golf course:

An old lady was out riding with her son and his wife. Presently they came to a group of buildings surrounded by a high wall.

"What is that, son?" she asked pointing to the buildings.

"That is the state insane asylum, mother," explained the son.

Next they came to a golf course, adjoining the asylum, which was well populated with the usual Sunday crowd.

"Oh, isn't it nice of them to let the poor crazy people out into the pasture!" exclaimed the old lady. "But they do act queer, don't they?"

**Why Bring That Up—**

And the imminence of the general election brings to mind the tale of the candidate for office who came home in the wee small hours and gave his wife the glorious news: "Darling, I've been elected!"

She was delighted. "Honestly?" she said.

He blushed and did not answer.

**Naturally—**

The ever-reliable AP is authority for the true story about an Asheville cop who knew all the answers to questions propounded by tourists. It says a tourist, who had stopped in Pack Square at Asheville and obtained travel information from a patrolman, was about to drive off when he sighted the tall granite monument erected to Zebulon Baird Vance, North Carolina's Civil War Governor.

"Who's monument is that?" he asked.

"It's ourn," the cop replied.

**Knew What He Wanted—**

Edwin C. Hill, radio commentator and King Features Syndicate writer, recently quoted an original document from The Law Journal, and commented as follows:

"For unconscious humor and for quaintness, a will filed for probate last June in Anderson County, Texas, is unsurpassed. It was the will of Herman Obelweiss, and in drafting it he asked neither the assistance of the legal fraternity nor that of Noah Webster. Nevertheless, the document was not lacking in force, and there was no uncertainty about how and why Herman Obelweiss wanted his property divided. It is worth reprinting in full and in the original form.

"Mr. Obelweiss's classic seems too good to be fact, but The Law Journal

published it among its correspondence without a blink."

**WILL OF HERMAN OBELWEISS**

"I am writing of my will miseducated that dam lawyer want he should have too much money, he ask too many answers about family. first thing i want i don't want my brother oscar get a dam ting what i got. he done me out of forty dollars fourteen years since. I want that hilda my sister she gets the north sixtie akers of at where i am homing it now. i bet she don't get that loofer husban of hers to broke twenty akers next plowing time gonoph work.

"She can't have it if she lets oscar liver on it i want i should have it back if she does. tell momma that six hundred dollars she been looking for for twenty years is berried from the backhouse behind about ten feet down. she better let little frederick do the digging and count it when he comes up. pastor lucknitz can have three hundred dollars if he kiss the book he wont preach no more dumb-head polotiks. he should a roof put on de meinghouse with and the elders should the bills look at. momma the rest shud get but i want it that adolph shud tell her what she do so no more slick irishers sell her vokum cleaners dey noise like hell and a broom don't cost so much. i want it that mine brother adolph should be my exeter and i want it that the jedje shud pleeze make adolph plenty bond put up and watch him like hell.

"Adolphus is a good business man but only a dumkopf would trust him with a busted pfennig. i want dame sure that schlemic oscar dont nothing get. tell adolph he can have a hundred dollars if he prove to jedje oscar dont get noing. dat dam sure fix oscar.

(Signed)  
"HERMAN OBELWEISS."

**They All Learn—**

A young man, married only recently, was talking to a groceryman here this week: "My wife likes tea, while I like coffee."

"Oh, well," said the grocer, who had been married for quite a few years, "you'll soon get used to tea."

**In the Best of Families—**

A couple of boys were talking things over last Sunday afternoon.

"Gee, Jimmie," said one, "when I went by your house this morning I heard somebody swearin' something awful!"

"Aw, that was just my dad," said the other. "He was late for church and couldn't find his hymn book."

**Simple Logic—**

Congressman Byard Clark told the following at a farmers' meeting in Columbus County recently, according to the Whiteville News Reporter:

A somewhat pedantic and scatter-brained school-teacher asked his pupils this question: "If a cow ate poisoned weeds and the dairyman sold the milk to a mother who gave

it to her baby who got sick, how old am I?"

Without hesitation, one youth on the back row spoke up. "You're 42 years old, teacher."

"Why, that's right," said the instructor. "Now tell the class how you got the answer."

"Well," drawled the boy. "I got a brother who's 21, and he's just half as crazy as you are."

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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In the Superior Court, North Carolina, Washington County. **The Town of Roper vs. Maggie Leary, John Leary and wife, Mrs. John Leary and Jannette Leary.**

The defendants above named and all other persons claiming any interest in the subject of the action will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina, to foreclose a lien for taxes levied by the plaintiff; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in the courthouse in the town of Plymouth, N. C. within thirty days from the 1st day of November, 1938, 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.

This the 3rd day of October, 1938.  
C. V. W. AUSBON  
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CLYDE McCALLUM, Manager

**Notice of Sale of Property For Delinquent Taxes**

Pursuant to instructions issued to me by the City Council of the Town of Plymouth, N. C. the following property will be sold at the courthouse door in Plymouth, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 7th day of November, 1938, for 1937 taxes due and unpaid, unless said taxes, costs and penalty are paid on or before the 7th day of November, 1938. Fifty cents will be added to defray the expense of advertising each name.

(Signed) P. W. BROWN,  
Tax Collector of Town of Plymouth.

**WHITE**

Mrs. S. R. Bateman, 1 lot Jefferson street.	\$ 20.00
J. W. Beasley Estate, 1 lot Washington St.	20.00
Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, 1 lot Main Street	75.60
D. O. Brinkley, Estate, Corner Main and Jefferson Sts., bal.	107.51
Mrs. Minnie C. Burgess, 1 lot Main St.	112.30
Laurence Clark, 1 lot Main Street	41.60
Mrs. J. E. Doucette, 1 lot Monroe Street	11.60
Paul Faust, 1 lot Fort Williams Street	17.00
W. R. Hampton, 2 lots Water St., 1 lot Main, 1 lot Madison, bal.	93.40
R. H. Hardison, 1 lot Washington St.	38.30
Mrs. G. W. Harney, 1 lot Main St., lot Third St.	93.60
J. M. Horton, 1 lot Main Street	72.24
E. R. Jackson, 1 lot Washington St., 2 lots Main St., 1 lot Water bal.	82.10
Mrs. Laura Johnston, 1 lot Main Street	52.50
Mrs. Lizzie Knight, 1 lot Main Street	39.10
L. S. Landins, 1 lot Jefferson St., 1 lot Water	124.00
L. V. Landins, 1 lot Brinkley Ave., Washington St.	40.79
Mrs. Margaret Leggett, heirs, 1 lot Washington St.	24.00
Raymond Leggett, 1 lot Washington St.	70.35
Mrs. T. S. Lucas, 1 lot Third St.	28.00
Madge L. Lyon, 1 lot Main St.	56.50
O. H. Lyon, (Guardian) 1 lot Madison St.	2.80
Mrs. Estelle Martin, heirs, 1 lot Washington St.	20.50
W. T. Nurney, estate, 1 lot Jefferson St.	58.70
P. O. Price, 1 lot Corner Fort Williams St.	23.85
Mrs. Lillian Sugar, 1 lot Third St., 1 lot Water St.	96.20
J. H. Smith, Sr., 1 lot Third St.	40.50
Mrs. Clarence Spruill, 1 lot Washington St.	17.44
Mrs. Jennie Spruill, estate, East Water and Washington Streets.	49.00
Mrs. Blanche Swain, 1 lot Third Street, balance	72.50
W. E. Waters, 1 lot Madison Street	34.23
L. T. Weede, 1 lot Jefferson St.	30.00
T. H. Williams, West Fourth Street	69.75

**COLORED**

Julia Ann Allen, 1 lot Meadow St.	\$ 4.50
Fannie Armistead, 1 lot Wilson Street	7.00
Thomas G. Axum, 1 lot Water Street	10.60
Emma D. Ballard, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	5.00
Hannah Ballard, 1 lot Madison Street	8.00
Daniel Bateman, estate, 1 lot Wilson Street	7.00
John Bell, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	24.00
Martha Bell, 1 lot Third Street	6.00
P. H. Bell, 1 lot Littlecourt & Third Streets.	15.30
Thomas Brimby, heirs, 1 lot Fourth Street	6.00
Annie J. Bowen, 1 lot Water Street	9.00
S. L. Bowser, 1 lot Water Street	10.49
Matilda Boyd, 1 lot Wilson Street	5.00
Mary E. Burnett, 1 lot Brinkley Ave.	2.00
Wesley Cherry, 1 lot Fourth Street	3.00
Mary Clark, 1 lot Fourth Street	5.50
Dave Cobb, 1 lot Fourth Street	6.00
Aaron Cooper, 1 lot Monroe Street	19.15
Joe C. Cooper, 1 lot Fifth Street	14.00
K. S. Cooper, 1 lot Monroe Street	16.50
Frank Cotton, 1 lot Madison Street	4.80
William M. Dempsey, heirs, 1 lot Wilson Street	2.90
Annie Downing, 1 lot Fourth Street	11.00

W. H. Ellis, corner Water & Madison Streets	22.10
Addison Everett, estate, 1 lot Main Street	39.50
Roxanna Everett, 1 lot Main Street	11.00
Victoria Felton, 1 lot Wilson Street	4.00
Hannah Freeman, heirs, 1 lot Freeman Court	7.50
Charlie Garrett, 1 lot Fourth Street	9.95
Mammie Garrett, 1 lot Wilson Street	11.00
Susan Hall, 1 lot Adams Street	6.00
Millie Halsey, heirs, 1 lot Water street	6.50
Irving Harro, heirs, 1 lot Water Street	3.00
Joseph J. Harris, 1 lot Fourth Street	18.95
Washington Harris, 1 lot Fourth Street	5.15
Mammie Hassell, 1 lot Fourth Street	8.50
C. C. Heath, 1 lot Water St.	5.00
C. D. Heath, 1 lot Water, 1 lot Main, 1 lot Water	23.50
Henry Heath, 1 lot Madison Street	17.45
Edith and Elijah James, 1 lot Wilson Street	9.00
Josephine James, 1 lot Wilson Street	4.80
Mary James, heirs, 1 lot Water Street	11.00
Emma Jenkins, 1 lot Fourth Street	9.00
Carrie King, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	7.04
Zion Jenett, Sr., 1 lot Fourth Street	9.50
William M. Johnson, 1 lot Main Street	5.00
Elizabeth Jones, heirs, 1 lot Water Street	3.50
James Joyner, 1 lot Water Street	2.50
Lucy Joyner, 1 lot Fourth Street	3.00
Annie King, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	2.00
Dawson Lee, 1 lot Fourth Street	10.00
Mary E. Lowery, estate, 1 lot Main St.	11.00
John McDonald, heirs, 1 lot Wilson St.	11.00
Issac Mitchell, estate, 1 lot Water Street	6.00
Dr. L. S. Mitchell, 1 lot Monroe Street	37.26
J. D. Moore, estate, 1 lot Adams, 2 lots Madison, 1 lot Elmore Street,	71.50
3 lots Little Court, 2 lots Wilson Street	3.00
Lucy Moore, heirs, 1 lot Freeman court	3.00
Sam Moore, 1 lot Wilson Street	5.00
C. M. Owens, 1 lot Third Street, 1 lot Madison Street	18.00
Carrie Patrick, 1 lot Madison Street	23.00
Annie Pettiford, 1 lot Main Street	11.24
Mack Pettiford, West Main Street	5.80
Roberta Pettiford, 1 lot Water Street	11.00
Ruben Pettiford, heirs, 1 lot Water, 1 lot Wilson, 2 lots Main, 2 lots	81.00
Fourth, 2 lots Water	5.00
Joe Rhodes, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	11.00
Charlotte Rucker, 1 lot West Water St.	4.80
Nancy Simon, heirs 1 lot Freeman court	5.60
Washington Simon, heirs, 1 lot McClee, 1 lot A. C. L.	4.00
Ethel Smith, 1 lot Main Street	5.00
Fannie Smith, 1 lot Freeman Court	6.00
George Smith, 1 lot Wilson Street	15.00
George W. Smith, 1 lot Madison Street	2.00
Josephine Smith, 1 lot Water Street	8.00
Senora Smithwick, 1 lot West Main Street	17.00
Ada Stuart, 1 lot Wilson Street	6.00
John E. Walker, 1 lot Madison Street	18.00
Abraham Watson, 1 lot Fourth Street	5.40
Helen Weaver, 1 lot Madison Street	6.00
Susan Webb, Estate, 1 lot Fourth Street	7.50
Tazewell Wheelock, Freeman Court	27.45
Charlie White, guardian, 1 lot Little Court	6.00
Arthur Wiggins, 1 lot Fort Williams Street	6.00