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## MISS DAISY NICHOLSON DEAD

A calamity has befallen our community in the death of Miss Daisy Nicholson, who passed to her reward with the dawn of the morning of April 3rd.

She was a life of loving and helpful service to all. Till exhausted in strength she spent the last days and nights of her life in administering to the sick and suffering, then speedily succumbed to a severe attack of influenza and pneumonia.

## THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION—TAXATION

Beginning Series of Articles on New Features of Old Problem—New Legislation Should have Approval of Those Who Want to Pay According to Their Worth and No More—Some Changes As To Listing this Year.

By A. J. MAXWELL

The press of the State has a large share of responsibility for the unanimity with which the recent General Assembly passed one of the most thoroughgoing revaluation acts ever adopted in any State. Its continuing cooperation is essential to the success of the work undertaken. It is my purpose to ask for publication of a short article once a week for several weeks on some phase of the tax problem, in as many papers as will give space to it, as well as to ask the continued generous cooperation of the press, on its own initiative in keeping the matter before the public and in fairly presenting the plans and purposes of this great undertaking. Properly understood it should have the cooperation of every man who wants to pay his equal share of taxes and no more. Its success depends upon the cooperation of the public, and upon its success depends in a large measure the future of the State.

North Carolina is more distinctly a State, and less a combination of one hundred counties, since the recent session of the General Assembly. It broke new ground in many lines, but all of its furrows lead to the realization of a more compact State. In this respect the recent session of the General Assembly was epochal. In public schools, public health, public roads and in taxation its enactments show more than a tendency in this direction—they practically established State systems.

The Legislature came to Raleigh with full realization that a complete revision of the tax system of the State was the fundamental reform, that not alone the State agencies of helpfulness in all lines were dependent upon it, but that the counties, cities and towns had reached the limit of endurance and progress under the old system and old methods.

A complete new order of things was demanded not only to relieve the unreasonable and steadily increasing tax rates, which will reach a point of \$3.75 this year in one of the great cities of the State, and to give a more equitable result as between individual taxpayers by a more accurate valuation of property, but it became a necessary prerequisite to the new policy of State-wide dealing with other public questions. If equal school facilities are to be provided by the State in all of the counties of the State, and if other great undertakings are to be handled in the same way, the State must of necessity see to it that there is a uniform system of taxation uniformly administered in all of the counties of the State. If money is to be drawn from the State from one county to maintain public schools and build roads in another, as will be done by legislation enacted at this session, the State cannot escape responsibility for requiring that the property of each county shall be valued in the same way and up to the same standard.

The Legislature also came to Raleigh with a full realization that accurate valuation of all property of the State was a large and important requirement not only adequate for the purpose of taxation, but also to make adequate investments and will do equity, without which the State is impotent. So its first conclusion was that this work should not be hurriedly done—that it should

## ALL DAY SINGING AT INSTITUTE

Prof. Trowbridge has kindly offered the use of the auditorium at the Brevard Institute for the "Old Time, All-Day Singing" on Easter Sunday and it will be much more convenient and agreeable to all if Prof. Trowbridge's offer is accepted.

In case of bad weather the Institute auditorium and other class rooms of the Institute would come in very comfortably and would be much more convenient for the ladies than the court house.

Please let every choir that can be here on Easter Sunday notify the undersigned.

W. E. BREESE.

The Mathatiasian Club met on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Zachary. Miss Maud Allison had charge of the program for the afternoon which was featured by a talk by Mrs. E. H. Norwood and a paper prepared and read by Mrs. Ida Bryant on "Training Future Citizens." Miss Allison will be hostess to the club at its next meeting which will occur on the 10th of April at three-thirty in the afternoon.

undertake to have real estate revalued at all for use in the year 1919, but that it would give all the time possible for the prosecution of this work by giving a whole year more of time than had ever before been given in this State to a revaluation of property. The machinery for this revaluation was enacted in a separate bill. Subsequent articles will treat of different sections and provisions of this act.

### TAX LISTING for 1919

The usual form of Machinery act was reenacted with some important amendments, for the regular listing of personal property this year. The Boards of County Commissioners in the several counties will appoint, at their regular meeting in April, township list-takers for taking the lists of personal property in the usual way in the months of May and June, and will bring forward the old valuation of real property.

### NO MORE LISTING BANK STOCK

One important change, applicable to listing this year, does away with the listing of shares of stock in banks by the shareholders. The tax in each case will hereafter be charged against the bank instead of the shareholder, and paid by the bank. This has been the rule as to all incorporated companies other than banks. Banks are permitted, as heretofore, to deduct State bonds issued since 1910 from surplus, and are now permitted to deduct Federal and State bonds to the extent of 25 per cent of capital and surplus if held three months prior to date of listing—May first—and can deduct Federal bonds of the new issue of Victory Bonds to be issued in April, if paid for by April 30th.

### List Income for Eight Months Instead of Year.

For the year of 1919 taxpayers will be required to list their income from salaries and fees for the eight months from May 1, 1918, to January 1, 1919, instead of for a full year. This change is made for the purpose of having the State income tax year conform to the calendar year, or to the same period as that used by the Federal Government, and after this year income will be reported to the State for the full calendar year. A slight change is also made in the exemptions, favorable to married men. The exemption is reduced for single men from \$1,250 per year to \$1,000, and for married men or widowers and widows having minor children the exemption is increased from \$1,250 to \$1,500. For the year 1919, in which the income reported is for eight months, the exemption is prorated accordingly and will be \$666.66 and \$1,000, respectively.

### Don't Forget To List Your Dog

The taxlister in every township in the State this year will want to know if you own a dog, or if any member of your family owns a dog, and if you admit the inhuman tax will be \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females dogs, which will go to the school fund of the county.

These are the only material changes respecting your tax list for this year. The next article will deal with some features of the revaluation act.

## RED CIRCLE FOR SOLDIER BOYS

I am most heartily in favor of giving our soldiers and sailors a "Welcome" of some kind that is commensurate with their patriotism in fighting for us, but I do not feel that the welcome, whatever form it may take, should be the only token of our esteem and gratitude, we should do something that would last longer.

There is nothing that would be more beneficial and pleasant to our boys, including those of our young men who did not get into the army or navy, than to have some place for them to gather and enjoy proper recreation.

Our town is not large enough for a Y. M. C. A., but we could all get together and organize and have something similar to the "Red Circle" rooms where the boys could read, write and play different games.

Instead of allowing the boys to loaf on the streets or in the backs of stores or restaurants, let's fix a place for them to get together where the surroundings will be pure and pleasant and where they can have suitable recreation.

Let's organize a "Soldiers', Sailors' and Citizens' Club" and secure a convenient and comfortable place therefor and furnish papers, periodicals, writing materials, games and so forth for the entertainment of our young men.

I am sure that the majority would join and would pay a reasonable sum for the privileges of being a member and using the rooms.

This is a suggestion and I trust that the good citizens will think it over and then we should have a meeting and organize.

Respectfully,

W. E. BREESE.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

### The Peace of God

God is conquering the forces of hate, and so is giving His Peace to the world. It is our part to see that righteousness and justice are set upon the firmest of foundations, both between the nations and between our own people at home.

The lesson we have learned upon the international arena must be applied to our own nation's affairs. To tolerate injustice of man to man to make blood money out of the sufferings of others is not peace. To permit poverty and squalor and misery to exist is not peace.

The peace that God asks us to receive is a peace that involves the determination to end all these and a sacramental strength to enable us to do it. Peace is our attribute of virility and of strong resolute manhood and womanhood. Peace is an exaltation of valleys, a smoothing out of the rough places, a leveller of mountains. Peace is the spirit of Jehovah in action.

Let us Pray.

### The Peace of God

O Thou God of love, we pray for Thy Peace, which is of the heart. Grant us now Thy Peace, good Lord, in righteousness and strong endeavor and in love, that all races of men that dwell upon the earth may be one, as Thou Creator. Father art one; that by the exhortation that is in Christ, by the incentive that is in love, by the fellowship in one spirit, by the promptings of tenderness and compassion having the same love, of one accord, of one mind, doing nothing through faction or through vain glory, but in lowliness of mind each counting others better than himself; not looking each to his own things, but each also to the things of others, that the same mind may be in us all, which was in Christ Jesus, who, for love of men, became man, and was among us as one that serveth, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

C. D. C.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Rev. W. P. Chedester and Miss Bessie Stevenson which occurred at Tryon March the 25th. Rev. Chedester, who has recently completed a period of service as chaplain in the army, is a former pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian Church.

## NEWS FROM OVER THERE

Editor Brevard News:

I was formerly a resident of the town of Brevard, and at the time that war broke out in this country and Germany, I was living on the Brevard Institute campus, and was a member of the Brevard Institute, but as things began to grow dark for the country that we are so proud of I saw where I was needed to help Uncle Sam tame the Huns who at that time were running the country of France in a great many parts wild, and I concluded that I would go over to Asheville to see if I could pass the examination that was required at that time to enter the army, and they passed me and allowed me to return to my home in Brevard for three days, and then I was to report back to Asheville to the recruiting office to be sent to Fort Thomas, Ky., and later to be sent to some training camp, to be trained for the work that was awaiting me and the biggest part of the Regiment that I was finally landed in knew that we were bound for No Man's Land before the summer was over, but then that was a mistake for they kept us in the U. S. all the rest of the year of 1917, and part of the year of 1918. We were under the heaviest training that any troops that have gone to France have had with the exception of the 42th National Guard Division which were the first troops that landed overseas, and then we came over to look the country over, and to tell the truth this is no country, it is the biggest mad house that I was ever in and how I can stand to live here is more than at the present time than I am able to see thru, and I am ready to be transported back to U. S. at the earliest time that they can send me.

While I am on the subject, I might give you a little touch of the front, which I guess will not be too much for you to stick these few lines in the paper if you see fit and have the space to spare.

We arrived at the port in Brest, France April 15 1918, and proceeded to the training camp that we had to stay in about six or seven weeks before we could move to the front to take over the front lines. These few weeks at the training camps were the worst that I have ever put in the army outside of the front lines. We had to occupy in the night imaginary trenches so that we would become used to the regular front line trenches when we had to go to the front to relieve other outfits that had been to front and who were going back a few miles to rest up and get new clothes which at that time were very hard to get as the supplies that were coming from the States were delayed owing to the Submarine Warfare that they were having on the high seas, and I might say that we were very fortunate indeed for we never saw the sign of a Sub, during our nine days that we were on the waters. Not to get off the subject that I had started on. We started to the front lines to relieve the French troops that had been holding the lines near the city of Chateau-Thierry, and were located on the banks of the Marne near the town of Chery which is six kilometers from Chateau-Thierry, and here we had our first experience with the "Dutchman" who at that time had his first front line just across the Marne on the hill known through France, and by military officials as hill 204 one of the hardest hills to take that has been known in the war. It was on the morning of the 14th of July that the "Dutchmen" started the famous push across the Marne, and they were very successful for the time being (but at the beginning of the morning of the 16th of July we had re-established our lines, and were ready to give Mr. Dutchman the struggle of his life, and here the 38th Infantry, one of the best outfits that Uncle Sam had in the army, fought the Dutchmen to a stand still while the 30th Infantry, 4th and 7th were getting their lines ready to support and re-enforced to cross our succeeded in driving Mr. Dutchman back to the other side of the Marne and at once proceed to cross ourselves and here just across the Marne Mr. Dutchman decided that he would have to fight to a finish or get back for kilometers after kilometers from the sector that he was at that time holding and they finally decided to retreat in the direction of Sissons, France. After two

## VICTORY GIRLS SHOW FOLLIES

The changing whims of the dress-makers' fancy and the varying modes of costumes from the days of the sturdy Indian Maid to the lovely war bride of the present charmingly depicted by the girls of the high school last evening in "Follies of Fashion." The fads and follies of dress were explained by Miss Miriam Silversteen in verses as apt and amusing as they were beautifully delivered.

The incidental music consisted of a number of solos which were sung by Miss Mary Jane King in her usual pleasing manner. She was accompanied by Mrs. Trammell at the piano.

The entire production was managed by Miss King, who is receiving many congratulations on the success of the evening.

The proceeds of the entertainment are to be used to pay the amount pledged to patriotic work by the local organization of Victory Girls, of which Miss King is director.

Besides Misses King and Silversteen, the following young ladies took part in the performance: Ethel Kilpatrick, Ophelia Allison, Marjorie Cook, Mary Blythe, Louise Patton, Irene McMinn, Dorothy Silversteen, Mildred Bryant, Gladys Glenn, Elizabeth Morton, Louise Townsend, Marion Yongue, Ruth Duckworth, Hazel Albert, Jane Mooseley, Myrtle Rhodes, Mrs. J. A. Hine, Bessie McLean, Louise Carr.

## DEATH OF MRS CRARY

Mrs. T. B. Crary died at her home last Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock of pneumonia following influenza. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Poovey and interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Crary was before her marriage Miss Edna Jones of Asheville. She is survived by her husband, T. B. Crary, and four children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Asheville, and several brothers and sisters. The eldest son, Roy Crary returned from France a short time ago and a daughter, Miss May Crary, is now desperately ill with influenza.

Mrs. Alice Paxton, who has taken the Whitmore house on Broad St., has this week opened the doors of her establishment for the entertainment of transient and summer visitors. Mrs. Paxton has had successful experience in work of this kind and her house will doubtless be very popular during the coming tourist season.

days of the retreat the Bosche made one of their famous stands, and at this particular place the contest was very hot though we were forced to fight for our lives more than we had at any time before.

We were at times without food or supplies of any kind and went for days at a time without food and very little water, to show the Huns what the Americans were made of and I think I can safely say that the American troops cannot be excelled by any Nation for their fighting. We proceeded to drive the Huns still farther back than he was figuring that we would be able to drive him, but as I have said, we had the fighting men and fought every inch of the way and that was the reason that we were so successful in the war.

I am a member of the 4th Infantry and at the present time am a member of the American Army of Occupation, situated, or rather located near the city (German city) of Coblenz, right on the banks of the Rhine and are destined, I think to stay here for some time as I cannot see any sign of immediate returning to the United States but we are the game kind and are taking the situation pleasantly, and wishing for early transportation back to God's country.

This is not the letter that I intended to write but I have concluded that if this gets in the paper that the people of Brevard will have some idea about how we had the war.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter I am—

Very respectfully,

Cpl. MYNATT

## U. D. C. SCHOLARSHIPS 1919-20

The General U. D. C. Education Committee announces the following Scholarships open to applicants, for the scholastic year 1919-20:

Full Scholarship, covering board and tuition, value \$650.00, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Awarded by competitive examination which is given by the College Entrance Examination Board.

Full Scholarship, covering board and tuition, value \$350.00, Stonewall Jackson College, Abingdon, Va.

Two Tuition Scholarships, value \$100.00 each, Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, La.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$200., University of Pa. Philadelphia. Pa. Tuition Scholarship, value \$100., Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

The Thomas Martin Memorial Tuition Scholarship, value \$100.00, Martin College, Pulaski, Tenn.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$100., Randolph-Macon Academy Scholarship, Front Royal, Va.

Two Tuition Scholarships, value \$150.00 each, New Sullins College, Bristol, Va.

Three Tuition Scholarships, value \$198.00 each, Lucy Cobb Institute, Athens, Ga.

Two Tuition Scholarships, value \$50.00 each, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$60.00 University of Alabama, University, Ala.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$75.00, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

Partial Scholarship, value \$400.00 at Fleet School, Flat Rock, N. C. Tenure, one year for each student.

Tuition Scholarship in Music or Literary Department, value \$100.00, Elizabeth Mather College, Atlanta, Ga.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$50.00, Southwestern Presbyterian College, Clarksville, Tenn.

Tuition Scholarships, value \$50.00, Presbyterian Preparatory School, Anneton, Ala.

Four Tuition Scholarships, value \$50.00 each, Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Two Tuition Scholarships in Literary, Music or Art Department, value Department, value \$100.00 each, Harriman College, Harriman, Tenn.

Two Tuition Scholarships in Literary, Music or Art Department, value \$50.00 each, Meridian College Conservatory, Meridian, Miss.

Two Tuition Scholarships, value \$60.00, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill N. C.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$200.00, Paul Institute, Washington, D. C.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$150.00, Marion Alabama.

Two Tuition Scholarships, value \$75.00 each, Eastern College, Manassas, Va.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$65.00, Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn.

Tuition Scholarship, value \$95.00 each, in Academic Course, University of Virginia.

6 State Normal College, Greensboro, at \$75.00.....\$450.00

2 Loans, Normal College, Greensboro, at \$75.00...\$150.00

1 State College of A & E, Raleigh, .....\$ 45.00

1 Fassifern, Hendersonville, \$100.00

1 Oxford College, Oxford...\$ 50.00

Davenport College, (music) Lenior, .....\$ 60.00

1 Warrenton High School, Warrenton, .....\$ 60.00

### TRANSYLVANIA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

2 Brevard Institute.....\$40.00

1 Fruitland Institute.....\$25.00

Apply to Miss Annie Jean Gash, Ch., Ed., N. C., Div., U. D. C. Pisgah Forest, N. C.

The National Board of the Y. M. C. A. is this week holding a conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. for the discussion of reconstruction work and other war problems. Representatives from each county in the State have been appointed to attend the lectures which are being delivered at these meetings by returned soldiers, and educational and religious leaders from various sections of the country. Rev. W. E. Poovey, Transylvania representative, is expected to return from Blue Ridge on Saturday after he has been for the past ten days attending the sessions of the conference.