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## The Tax Rate Of The County. A Letter To The Citizens Of Madison County.

Some question has been made as to the rate for taxes in Madison County and why it should be what it is. It would be necessary to go back for some years to see the real reason for some of the debt of the county and that of course will explain part of the levy. When Madison did not pay her debts so well, the county paper was almost valueless and some of the good citizens bought it up for 10 cents on the dollar. The county had to pay this and later to do this at its face value some 85,000.00 of bonds were issued called funding bonds. This took care of all outstanding paper of the county up to that time. The county then issued 30,000.00 to build a Court House and received the money value of the bonds in the court house. Then there were issued bonds for roads to the extent of 300,000.00. Then during one of the regimes about 55,000.00 were issued in bridge warrants for bridges. After the flood of 1916 the county had to issue 125,000.00 to pay for the bridges swept away by the flood and help on roads. Afterward there were issued 1000.00 for roads and which the commissioners are using now. Part of these bonds are serial bonds, namely those of the Court House of which 14,000.00 has been paid. Bridge Bonds of which 22,000.00 have been paid. Besides, the 125,000.00 are serial and 125,000.00 is in bank as sinking fund for the redemption of these bonds. We are trying to buy them ourselves to save interest as we only can receive 4 % as deposit and are paying 6% on the bonds.

The expenditures are as follows as can be verified by the books, checks, and receipts in the office of the auditor by any one who wishes.

General County	14,867.38
Jury	1,538.01
Road Commissioner	36,912.12
Pauper	4,048.64
Bonded Indebtedness	58,660.64
School & Special School	65,590.62
	\$181,617.41

This is the tax list and from this will be taken the insolvents, and releases from the Bonded indebtedness the following interest is taken for Court house Bond 1,000.00 For Road Bonds Interest 960.00 Sinking Fund Each Year 12,500.00 Interest 31,080.00 Bridge Bonds Prin paid 7,000.00 Funding Bonds Interest 4,250.00

General County pays all the debts for almost every thing not designated as special. In fact next year it will have to bear also the pauper account. The Road commission fund includes the special for townships Numbers 14, 15, and 16.

Another thing that must be taken into consideration is the comparative values? Madison County land is not valued as high as some other counties and so the expense must be met by a higher rate. In 1921 for instance Buncombe county had land valued at an average of \$62.15 per acre. Madison County land was valued at an average of \$15.90 per acre. That will explain the difference and show that Madison rate is lower than Buncombe in fact. If any one wishes to examine more in detail the expense account of the County, the books can be examined at any time.

W. E. FINDLEY, (auditor.)

FOLEY'S ORINO LAXATIVE  
FOR BILIOUSNESS AND CONSTIPATION

Dear Son:—  
I will write you a few lines as I haven't wrote you before since you was on the gang. Here is some things I want you to remember.

Remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy.

There is just too roads to travel the broad highway and the straight and narrow way.

God created man in his original, woman was only a help mate.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life to every one that believe on him.

O come my loving children and go along with me I am going where my troubles will be over.

There is a lilly white rose in heaven for me. I am going where my troubles will be over.

Son remember broad is the way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction, straight is the gait and narrow is the way that leads to life eternal, and few there be that find it.

Now son I want you to make me some promises. I want you to vow to me and to your maker, when you get off of that gang and get home to your wife and little children, when you go off to work and it is in your power you will come home at night and stay there untill morning.

That you will bring all your wages home. And that you wont meddle with whiskey anymore.

And vow to me and to your maker and to your self, that you will never while you live on this sin cussed earth that you will never let wicked women lead you astray.

I will try to get you off of the gang, where your wicked leaders ought to be, you have already served to long.

I want the people of Madison County to read this letter.

Your Mother,  
Mrs. C. J. Bradley,

Good For Harding!

President Harding has put his foot down hard on the scheme of general amnesty for all "political" prisoners. He declared to a delegation seeking a blanket pardon for all the 87 persons now in jail for inciting opposition to the war measures of this country during the war that so long as he is President he will not pardon any who preached the destruction of this Government by force.

The President is right and we think he would have been right if he had adued that those who sought to hamstring our Government by propaganda should also stay in jail. For following their advice slackers and deserters are in prison; and so long as they are, those who incited them to disloyalty should remain there also. If they are martyrs, then Bergdoll who followed their advice, is also a martyr who should be welcomed back home. Will the petitioners be logical and recommend this?

It should be a matter of local pride that we have a great number of ex-service men here but very few sympathizers with those who sought to make them unfaithful to their country.—Asheville Citizen.

FOLEY'S CATHARTIC TABLETS  
FOR BILIOUSNESS AND CONSTIPATION

## ELEMENTARY BOOK LIST

The adopted books, with prices for the next five-year period, are as follows:

**ARITHMETIC**

	Contract Price
GRADE 2. First Journey in Numerland (Scott, Foresman & Co.)	\$ .45
GRADES 3-7. School Arithmetic. (Ginn & Co.)	
Book I	.60
Book II	.75

**HISTORY**

GRADE 5. First Book in United States History. (D. C. Heath & Company.)	.80
The Story of the United States, for young Americans. (Thompson Publishing Co.)	.80
GRADE 6. A Young People's History of North Carolina. (First half) (Alfred Williams & Co.)	.80
GRADE 6. Our Ancestors in Europe. (Silver Burdett & Co.)	1.05
(Second half)	
GRADE 7. Our Republic. (Thompson Publishing Co.)	.80
GRADE 7. A History of The People of the United States (D. C. Heath & Co.)	1.05

**LANGUAGE**

GRADE 3-7 Good English. (Scott, Foresman & Co.)	
Book I	.45
Book II	.55
Book III	.59

**GEOGRAPHY**

GRADES 4-7 Essentials of Geography. (American Book Company.)	
	Exchange Price
Book I	\$1.23
Book II	1.72

**PRIMER AND READING**

Two primers, two first readers, two second readers and two third readers are required for basal use in the first, second and third grades, respectively.

Reading Literature. (Row, Peterson & Co.)	
Primer	.40
First reader	.44
Second Reader	.48
Third Reader	.53
The Child's World. (Johnson Publishing Co.)	
Primer	.42
First Reader	.46
Second Reader	.52
Third Reader	.58

**GRADES 4-7. Studies in Reading. (University Publishing Co.)**

	Contract Price
Book 4	\$ .70
Book 5	.74
Book 6	.74
Book 7	.78

**SPELLING**

GRADES 1-7 The Mastery of words. (Iroquois Publishing Co.)	
1-5 Book I	.38
6-7 Book II	.32

**MUSIC**

Schools may choose between the two adopted music texts.

**Progressive Music Series. (Silver, Bordett & Co.)**

Book I	.67
Book II	.72
Book III	.76
Book IV	1.00
A one-book course for Grades 2-7	.76

**Hollis Dann Music Series. (American Book Co.)**

Book I	.73
Book II	.50
Book III and IV	.95
Book V and VI	1.14

It is understood by the contracting parties that any school desiring to use the seven-book music series may secure these books at the following prices:

	Contract Price
Book I	\$ .73
Book II	.50
Book III	.50
Book IV	.57
Book V	.57
Book VI	.69

**AGRICULTURE OR ELEMENTARY SCIENCE**

Studies in Elementary Science. (Row, Peterson & Co.)

	Exchange Price
GRADE 4 The Child's Day. (Houghton Mifflin Co.)	.72
GRADES 5-6 Healthy Living. (Charles E. Merrill Co.)	
5 Book I	.50
6 Book II	.68

**CIVICS**

GRADES 6-7. Elementary Community Civics. (Allyn & Bacon)	.84
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**WRITING**

GRADES 1-7 Zaner Writing Method, Seven-book Series. (Zaner & Blosser Co.)	
Each book	.09
Primary Manual, free to teachers	
Manual to Upper Grades	.20
Practical Drawing, Seven-book Series (Practical Drawing Co.)	
Books I-IV (each)	.15
Books V-VII (each)	.20
Practice paper and Kraft envelop	.05

## The Klansmen Unmask

The Ku Klux Klan, laying emphasis on its Americanism, now takes action through Acting Imperial Wizard Clarke, of Atlanta, which constitutes far weightier evidence than much protestation. Wizard Clarke issues an order forbidding all further parades or the use of masks or other costumes in the State of Georgia except in lodge rooms until further orders. The press dispatches add that the order was later made general, applying wherever the Klan is organized.

The majority of citizens has never been able to agree with the Klan officials that an organization professing the principles of the Klan creed, the promotion of American ideals in home, church and in government, could consistently conceal the identity of its membership and appear in public only under the protection of hoods and robes. Anonymity is a temptation to impulsive or unscrupulous Klansmen and an opportunity to hoodlums and law-breakers outside the Klan to commit depredations. Secrecy as practised by the Klan has inevitably led to the belief, right or wrong, that the Klan is a regulatory body which seeks to control private conduct without due process of law. And, whatever Klansmen may have done, it is a matter of record in Georgia that outrages by masked men have increased.

Clark's order as a protection to the Klan. It ought also be a sign that, if any Klan has mistakenly believed itself called to exercise inquisitorial powers, the error is recognized and that henceforth the "Invisible Empire" will not represent a twilight zone in which the functions of the State police power and the duties of individual citizens tend towards fusion which endangers the liberty that Klansmen would preserve.—Asheville Citizen.

## A Million New Cars

Considerably more than a million new automobiles were licensed in the United States last year. No wonder we see shoals of new cars on the street every day.

The serious problem, in connection with the operation of automobiles, is chance taking at railroad grade crossings. In spite of the frightful mishaps reported each day there is only a slight checking of the evil. The only known remedy is to everlastingly keep on urging drivers to observe the following precautions:

When you drive near railroad tracks that are to be crossed Think of Trains of Cars. Right there, on the tracks, is the only place you will find any.

With such thoughts in your mind you will be prepared for any emergency. Most times, there will be no train near enough to recoup his but DON'T trust to LUCK. LOOK and LISTEN every time. If you trust to luck, you are not giving yourself and your passengers a fair deal. A professional gambler will bet almost anything, but he never wagers his life. He might lose a lot of money once and then recoup his losses in another venture. But every one of us know that when he loses his life he is going to stay dead.

That man who was killed at a crossing yesterday, had no desire to die. There was no end of things to make life worth while. The man simply followed in the steps of thousands who made the mistake of yielding to a quick impulse of trying to beat a train over a crossing. Sober second thought would have saved him; so we close this little appeal with a solemn warning that now is the time to Call a Halt, and Cross Crossings Cautiously.

## Asheville May Sign Paul Bruce.

### Well Known Pastimer Expected to Be Secured by Local Ball Club.

Paul Bruce, well-known baseball player of Mars Hill, is expected to sign with the Asheville team of Western North Carolina league.

Local authorities are in touch with Mr. Bruce and it is believed that some satisfactory arrangement will be made in the next few days. Bruce will play in the infield or outfield. He played with Asheville last year. Mr. Bruce was recently nominated for the state legislature.

Other players are expected to be secured within the next few days, and the local club will be greatly strengthened.

## Face Suspension Of Highway Work Over the State

Raleigh, July 24.—Highway construction has been struck a hard blow as a result of the strike of railroad shopmen, shortage of materials forcing the suspension of work on 20 of the largest projects in the state. Work in the Ninth district is at a complete standstill and is badly crippled in every other district.

Ten days will see the complete suspension of all work on hard surfaced construction, in the opinion of State Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham, unless the strike is settled within that time.

## Singing Convention At Bethel.

The East Madison Singing Convention met on last Sunday at Bethel. The Convention was opened by the congregation singing the old song, "I'll soon be at home over there." And prayer by Rev. Shendan Briggs. Then a welcome address by Rev. W. H. Ballard, after which a large audience was entertained by singing by the different choirs untill near the noon hour when another welcome was given by Mr. Comalins Buckner. In which the large congregation were invited to dinner, served on the ground. Which if Ever equaled in this section of the county was never surpassed. Just imagine every good thing to eat you have ever known, and then you will know some of the good things. Served by the good people of Bethel to a very large audience of people.

The afternoon service was opened by the congregation singing, "In the sweet by and bye" led by Prof Hagler. Then singing by the choir present. Which were Bethel, Californial, Paint Gap, Paint Fork, and Terrys Fork. All did good singing. The people were delightfully entertained by this music untill just before adjournment when a short but very interesting talk was given by Rev. Dr. Fairchild and every one left feeling well repaid for the inconvenience of traveling over muddy roads, caused by the recent rains. The next convention is to be at Paint Fork. The 5th Sunday in October every choir in the bounds of this convention that does not already belong is cordially invited come on and lets make each session a greater success if possible that the last has been.

W. C. Radford Sec.