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## TAXES

HAVE REACHED POINT WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT PAY

By IRA PLEMMONS.

The per capita for the State of N. C. for the year 1925 was \$43.03. That is, each man, woman and child was in debt this amount of account of state debt alone. This does not include cities, towns and special district taxing agencies. These agencies perhaps would make the per capita around \$63.00. In 1917 the State per capita tax was \$8.85 or an increase from 1917 to 1926 of \$38.18. The per capita increase from 1925 to 1926 was from \$33.44 to \$42.03 or \$8.59 for the one year. Why all this? Just one item that may lead to some light is for the general maintenance, and operation cost for the State. It is the enormous sum of \$16,292,922 according to figures just released from Raleigh. We are paying for interest alone \$5,214,874, and yet we are selling bonds and more bonds, contracting debts for the future generation to pay. Even in this generation we do not seem to be able to pay what is required by the taxing agencies, since in our own community there was sold for taxes a few days ago 506 farms and town lots and only 6 to 8 were bid in by individuals, the balance or nearly 500 farms being bid in by the county. At this rate it will take about three years for the County to own every farm and town lot in the county.

We are taxed in this county now \$268,827.21 on a rate of \$2.13 with an assessment around two-thirds the actual value of real estate.

This year the State taxing authorities are hoping to get a higher rate and also a higher assessment, and really must have it in order to pay for certain schemes that are on. It's been "paraded around" that the common man does not have to pay any State tax. If you own an automobile, sell a casket, or about a hundred other things, you pay state tax and lots of it. The last legislature passed a bill requiring a small card to be purchased by every owner of an auto each card, or a sum very near \$150,000, and, too, the particular card can only be furnished by one party that has the patent on it. It is not sweet picking off the auto owners?

Back to the sale of farms and town lots. If this county is an average for the state then there is sold 50,000 farms and lots in the state. If the farms were able to pay the excessive taxes, can we think for a moment that they would let their homes be sold? The very brightest spot on earth for man is his home. He has perhaps worked long hours to be able to own and see his family happy, and just at the time he has reached or paid about the last payment along comes the tax collector and sells it from under him because he cannot pay. How long, Oh Lord! Shall the hands of the powers that be press down?

How long will real red-blooded, honest toiling men bear it? What is there in our State is true in most or perhaps all the other states. Then where shall we go for relief, to the ballot box, perhaps, or will it come to pass that other means will be used. Frankly, folks, I do not know, but certainly the end must be somewhere. We have public servants, and must have them, and, too, they must be paid, and should be paid out of the amount of taxes collected, and most people think that all of them are paid from the tax money collected, but in many cases they are not. The clerk of the court in this county will charge for certifying that Mr. A is a Justice of the Peace and he is required to do it under the law. The paper is then passed over to the register of deeds and he copies the clerk's certificate and he too must charge a fee for his services. In other words, the Register has duplicated the work of the clerk, all because the names of the Notaries and Justices of the Peace are filed in the wrong office. The clerk's certificate is not at all necessary. In this manner of collecting fees the clerk and Register perhaps earn their salary, and therefore never receive one cent of tax money paid for the public maintenance. This is just another form of wringing money from the people. This is only one of the smallest cases that exist.

Again there are from two to four copies made of the tax books, when if handled differently all these copies could be made at one time and with one effort, saving lots of labor and expense.

Our officers are paid a salary and all the registration of papers should be done without any cost to the person having papers registered.

It has been necessary in order to create places for the parties valued friends that it is necessary to duplicate one labor after another.

We need less officers, and those we find necessary could easily be relieved of a very great deal of the work they do now, if the right methods were put into practice.

The federal land loans are proving a menace to the farmers, since in a round ninety per cent of the farmers do not need the loan, and only get it because it's apparently cheap interest and I suggest that a very large percent use the money for other purposes than paying for a home, and if it's used for paying for a home, the same home is soon sold for taxes that he cannot pay or sold for the loan. One reason I believe that so many homes are being sold for taxes, is that the

State has taken to itself the richest chance of the richest taxing subjects and has left the shorter picking for the cities and counties making the burden much harder on the poorer class of home owners. Our county is one of the so-called pauper counties of the state, and if some relief is not soon found and applied we may soon find many more folk pauper than we have now.

Now I do not expect to see the country go to the bow-wows for I think surely some means will be found that will relieve the oppression that is now here. If I have said anything in any of the articles or in this one that is not true, I invite criticism.

## WEAVERVILLE

Mrs. William Sidney Porter honored Mrs. Lynn Weaver, a bride of December, Saturday afternoon with four tables of bridge. At the time of awarding the prizes, Mrs. Weaver was presented with a handsome guest prize. Mrs. Eugene Ward of Asheville won high score prize; Mrs. Clarence Reynolds cut consolation.

An exquisite salad course was enjoyed by arriving Tea Guests as well as by the players.

Mrs. J. J. Reagan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Noah Walser in High Point. Mrs. Walser, who was formerly Mrs. J. M. Crawford of Weaverville, has recently moved from Lexington to High Point where Mr. Walser has opened a law office.

The Weaverville Bridge Club was most delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Reeves Friday evening. Besides the regular members of the club, some guests enjoyed the evening and five tables were played. When scores were counted, it was found that Mrs. M. B. Tillson was winner of top score prize for women; Mr. John Brady was highest among the men. Mrs. William Pope cut consolation. Playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blackstock, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Mr. and Mrs. William Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Patten, Mrs. M. B. Tillson, Mrs. William Shope, Miss Nancy Blackstock, J. V. Erskine, Mr. Carroll Keating, and the host.

In favor of and dainty refreshments, the Red, White and Blue emphasized by the nearness of Independence Day, were the color schemes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown have at their home on Church Street as their guests Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Fuller and their sons of Raeford, N. C.

Miss Jean Baird is now in French Broad Hospital recovering from an operation.

Mrs. Maude Preston and family of Saluda are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maxon at their home on Alabama Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raleigh Kester of High Point are visiting Mrs. Kester's mother, Mrs. Marian A. Yost. Mrs. Kester was a bride of June.

Preparatory to the Union Revival Meeting that will be held in Weaverville during the month of August, a union church service will be held in the Methodist Protestant church on Sunday evening with the Reverend Mr. Corpenning of the Baptist church, Weaverville, as speaker.

The students and alumni of Duke University are planning a gala day to be observed July 14, in connection with the Junaluska department of the Duke Summer School. An effort is being made to reach all students and alumni living within a wide radius of Lake Junaluska. This event, which is the first of its kind, will become a yearly feature of the Junaluska School, it is hoped.

The program begins at 3:30 in the afternoon and extends through the evening. It consists of a water carnival, a chicken dinner, and a musical program. The plans for the various events are well under way, and the whole school is enthusiastic over the fête. A large number of Duke graduates and students are being expected to attend from Madison County.

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LOST—One 50-lb. Bag Brown Coffee on road between Marshall and Hot Springs. Finder please return to Shelton-Tweed Co. and receive reward.

## WOMEN MEETING IN MARSHALL

As we go to press (Thursday afternoon), quite a number of women are at the Baptist Church, attending the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the French Broad Association. The program is being carried out largely as printed in paper last week. The women of Marshall served a delightful luncheon at the church, which some of the men as well as women very much enjoyed.

## S. S. PICNIC AT ALLENSTAND

The Sunday School of the Free Will Baptist Church at Walnut had a picnic at Allenstand the Fourth. About 120 members attended, and had quite a pleasant day. It was held on the ground of the Presbyterian property where the shade of the trees, the level ground and the fine spring make it a delightful place for such an occasion. Miss Elizabeth Morton has charge of this property and due to her fine hospitality the people enjoyed this occasion very much. The picnickers gathered there about 10:30 o'clock. Singing and social conversation filled the time until the dinner was spread about noon. Kodak pictures of the entire group and of smaller groups were made by Miss Morton. Some of the party in the afternoon went fishing and others to various kinds of amusement.

This church has a membership of about 150. Rev. B. E. Guthrie is pastor. Mr. W. J. Sanders is the superintendent of the Sunday School and the following are teachers: Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Mr. Joe Reeves, Mrs. Tilda Fortner, Miss Grace Stines, and Miss Sallie Chandler.

## POINTS ON MARS HILL ROAD

Mr. Jim Stikeleather met with the Madison County Board Commissioners Tuesday, when quite a discussion arose as to the location of the road from Marshall to Mars Hill. The outcome of the meeting seemed to indicate that the road will be so located as to touch Marshall, Petersburg, Mars Hill, and Coxe's Bridge. But the State will not consider following the old course. It was agreed that Madison County would lend the State \$225,000 to apply on roads as follows: \$125,000 on Marshall-Mars Hill road; \$50,000 on the road between Hot Springs and Bluff, and \$50,000 on the road between Walnut Gap and Marshall.

## A BULL STORY

WASHED HALF MILE BY CLOUD-BURST AND NOT HURT

Sheriff R. R. Ramsey is responsible for the following bull story: He sold this week a young bull for beef which had a rather interesting escapade about the first of June. The young animal, owned by Mr. Jim Shelton, of Anderson Branch, was grazing on the head of Anderson Branch when a cloudburst caused the water to roll down the mountain on each side until the bull found himself floating away. Nor did he stop in any short distance. For at least a half mile the animal was carried by the onrushing waters over rock cliffs and logs, understood best by those who know with what fury a mountain stream can rush. When the water subsided, the bull was found covered with logs and trash and only his head sticking up. When extricated from the rubbish, not a scratch was found on him. The Sheriff says that if this account sounds like too much "bull," just see him.

## CAMP GIRLS IN MARSHALL

The Camp Sky-Hy girls have been arriving since Monday. Including about ten councilors, about 60 are expected, a large number of whom have already arrived. They are here from South Carolina, West Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee and one from Japan, the daughter of a missionary. Dr. Simpson and his family have charge of the camp and the people of Marshall are delighted to have this company of fine people in our midst.

## ADVICE TO REPORTERS

Lenoir News-Topic.  
A young man asked us our opinion about entering the newspaper field. We answered this wise:

If he can listen with a smile to tire some things he's heard oftentimes before; if he can refuse to do what three or four people ask him to do without making them mad; if he can write in a way to make people laugh when he feels like cussin', or in a way to make them weep when he feels like cracking his heels together and laughing out loud; if he can remain silent when he feels like he'll burst wide open if he does not talk; if he can argue without getting mad; if he can refuse a woman's request for free publicity without making all the members of her set get mad at paper; if he can react to the loss of a good news story and catch a better one on the rebound; if he can explain a typographical error without using more than 30 minutes' time; if he can concentrate and write intelligent copy while three different conversations are going on around him, several typewriters clicking away and the telephone ringing and the subdued hum of the presses in the next room drumming on his ears; if

he can explain why Mrs. Jones' poem on "The Sylvan Depth of October Woods," did not appear in the paper without her husband stopping his advertising; if he can take a four-line story and spread column story and condense it to two paragraphs; if he can read proofs without overlooking an error and write headlines without murdering the king's English; if he has a nose for news, an itch for writing and an inclination to work 15 hours a day, then we'd advise him to get into the newspaper game.

## HYDER IN JAIL

J. Hyder, the bus driver who cut Mr. Cole at Walnut some weeks ago, has been lodged in the jail in Madison County.

Warrants have been issued for the three who assaulted Mr. Jake Carter of Paint Fork. One has been arrested and in jail in Buncombe County.

## INSTANTLY KILLED BY BUS

Roy Aiken of Laurel was almost instantly killed at the Gahagan place near the Laurel river bridge Thursday morning at 10:15 o'clock by the Johnson City-Asheville bus, driven by Holt Hensley. According to eye witnesses, the accident was unavoidable. Aiken, riding on a mowing machine, behind the driver of the machine, suddenly sprang across the road. The bus driver did all in his power to avoid the accident, swerving the bus into the ditch and leaving it. Hensley is released on a \$5,000 bond.

## Tarheelia Adopts Standard Signals IT IS THE LAW!

Motorists after July 1 must observe the standard hand signals, the recent North Carolina Legislature has decreed.

Hand and arm extended horizontal, with forearm pointing, indicates left turn.

Hand and arm crooked at elbow pointed upward, indicates right turn.

Hand and arm extended downward at an angle, indicates stop.

E. City Daily Advance.

## RIVER ROAD TO OPEN SATURDAY

The River Road from Marshall to Asheville is expected to be open Saturday morning, July 9. This road has been closed for several weeks so that the link of three miles near Volga could be finished. This road will be much used.

## SCHOOLS TO OPEN IN JULY

All short term schools in Madison County will open July 25, 1927, according to a ruling of the Madison County Board of Education, which was in session the first of this week. Prof. Blankenship was present at the meeting and gave us this ruling.

## DR. KIMBERLY AT HOT SPRINGS

Dr. Kimberly of Asheville, one of Dr. Pritchard's assistants, has located at Hot Springs. This will be good news to the people formerly served by the late Dr. Peck.

## MADISON COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

4th Sunday July, at 11:00 a. m. Several classes already slated. Bring your class. We need you. Everybody enjoys good singing. Come on. Bring any singers you have. Boost it. We will have a crowd at the New High School Building in Marshall.

## S. S. CONVENTION IN MARSHALL SATURDAY

Don't forget the annual County Sunday School Convention to be held in Marshall Saturday and Sunday, July 9th and 10th.

Her Father—"Do you support yourself?"  
Suitor—"Why, yes, sir."  
Her Father—"Then you ought to be abolished by the board of health!"  
Suitor—"For what?"  
Her Father—"For maintaining a nuisance!"

## Have The Days Of Miracles Passed?

I shall answer this by saying, No. The days of miracles have passed to some extent on account of unbelief.

On the first of last August, I was on the bed of affliction. I had been in poor health for a long time. The doctor said I had bright's disease in an advanced stage, a weak heart and bad nerves. The doctor did all that he could and he and the people all thought that I had to go then, but praise God, I held on to His unchanging hand and His promises. I went the Bible way by calling the Christians and the elders of the church to pray for me. James 5th chapter. There was one thing that I had not done and that was to be anointed with oil. My husband wrote Rev. R. V. Self to come and anoint me but he sent Miss Mattie Perry, a good old Methodist sister. She had the gift of healing. Please read 1st Corinthians, 12 chapter, 9th verse, to another faith by the same spirit, to another, the gift of healing. She came the first Monday in August. I was in bed, very weak, but God gave me strength to get up. I sat up in my chair, sister Perry prayed over me anointing me with oil in the name of the Lord and I have not been sick since. From that day I have improved and regained lost weight. I now can walk over my community to see my friends and go to Church and Sunday School every Sunday. My eyes got very weak. I had not read any in about two years until a short time ago. I asked God to restore my sight so that I might be able to see to read His blessed word. Now I can see to read through the glasses that I used for walking and can read without glasses. I can also thread a small needle. Read James 5, 13, 14 and 15th verses. Is any among you afflicted let him pray, is any sick let him call for the Elders of the Church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of the faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up and if he hath committed sins they shall be forgiven him. Read Mark 16:17, 18th verses and these signs shall follow them that believe. "In My name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. This means those who believe the Word of God. If the Legislature, Congress, Priest or President has revealed this part of God's Word will you please let me know it. Some will say that because these sainted women of God have the gift of healing there is nothing to it, but I praise God, we are serving the same God of Daniel. Of course we have people who do not believe the Bible, some preachers say, "away with your little bottle of oil." Some say that you had just as well let a dog lick you as to let one of these women lay their hands on you. My advice is for all to keep their lips closed if they cannot say something good. You remember one time that some folks talked about God's children and the earth opened up and swallowed them. Dear friends the wonderful power of God manifested in Sister Perry and Sister Bynum is a sure sign that our Savior is coming back soon. I advise everyone to be ready to meet Him with bright and shining faces. Some will say I am fighting the doctors. I am not. Ask Dr. J. N. Moore, of Marshall how I talk to him. God bless the doctors, we can't do without them. When doctors and friends fail there is one to whom we can go that never fails. I haven't written this testimony to get up a controversy, but to the glory of God.

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I shall give you some references as to who witnessed my healing. Rev's R. V. Self, A. P. Rish, and J. C. Wallace of West Asheville, N. C., Rev's R. S. Woodson, Marshall, R. 5, Rev. J. A. Martin, Marshall, R. 1, Rev. J. L. Hurst, Walnut, Rev. Malley Rice, Marshall, and Rev's J. L. Ledford, Ben Smith, W. V. Rice of Marshall R. 4. I would give many more who would witness to the healing of my body, but I shall not take any more of your valuable space. If you wish to know more about my healing come to my home, I can tell you more than I can write.

Mrs. J. G. Ramsey, Jr.,  
Marshall, N. C., R. 4

## TARHEEL CHICKENS WILL VISIT CANADA

Two pens of Tarheel poultry, one containing a trio of Silver Leghorns and the other a trio of Golden Wyandottes, will be exhibited at the Third World's Poultry Congress at Ottawa, Canada, as a result of the renown won by club members of this state in breeding fine birds.

Officials of the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show at New York City are collecting an exhibit of rare or unusual varieties of poultry grown in the United States to be exhibited at the Poultry Congress which meets July 27 to August 4. For several years the poultry club members of this State have exhibited their poultry at the Garden show and last year some of the major prizes were won by these members. One club member won the ribbon for having the best Rhode Island Red pullet in

## TRAVEL BY AIR

W. Irving Glover, second assistant Postmaster General, makes the interesting prediction that before very long the railroads of the United States will be forced to go into the airplane passenger service. For a long time, says Mr. Glover, the railroads ignored the motor bus. "But the latter has now supplanted the railroad in a number of places for quicker transportation, and the plane will cut the railroad schedules in a number of places by more than half."

In the western part of the country good progress is reported by Mr. Glover in the development of passenger travel by air. He makes the point, and it is a good one, that commercial aviation has been retarded in America by "aviators whose 'air-stunts' and 'air-circus riding' has frightened the general public. When the automobile was young many people were afraid of it for a like reason.

Mr. Glover in a statement on Monday said that he had no information regarding the future plans of Pitcairn, Inc., of Philadelphia, contractor for the New York-Atlanta air mail route, for night flying, but gave it as his confident opinion that this firm "will follow in the path of others in developing commercial aviation."

The route, he said, will be in operation as soon as the work of lighting the airway is completed.

In New York on Tuesday the designer of the Bellanca plane announced the letting of contracts for five large triple motored airplanes to be used in a regular service between New York and Chicago, the flight to take approximately seven and a half hours. The prediction was made that within two years New York will have an hourly air service to Chicago and that a route to Miami is under consideration.

Aviation in America seems to have secured at last the impetus it needed to insure its advance. All the more reason, therefore, why Asheville should speed up in the matter of the airport. What's become of the project? It means too much to the city to let it languish. —Asheville Citizen.

## TARHEEL EDITOR WINS NATIONAL PRIZE

Of all the editors of weekly papers in the United States who competed for the prizes offered by the National Farm News for the best letter giving a solution of the present farm depression, it remained for a Tarheel from Fayetteville to win first prize.

Fred W. Vaughn is his name and he published the Peoples' Advocate.

Hundreds of suggestions were offered in the contest. Letters from all over the United States were received by the National Farm News and considered by the judges but the short pithy letter from Mr. Vaughn was adjudged the best and he was given first prize of \$100.

The extension workers of State College feel flattered that through his letter, Mr. Vaughn followed the same line of thought upon which the agrarian program of this state is being builded. His letter and the activities of the extension forces are in perfect harmony.

In part, Mr. Vaughn says, "Farming, like every other productive enterprise, cannot be successful without sound business management. The lack of this is the chief handicap of the great majority of farmers.

"Inasmuch as the farmer has to sell his products on an unprotected market, and buy his supplies in a protected market, he must overcome this difficulty as far as possible by living at home. That is, he must produce on his farm to the extent of his ability what he consumes. He will thus have less to buy.

"The farmer must learn that the price for which a product is sold does not determine profit nor loss except when considered in connection with the cost of production. Intelligent diversification has saved many farmers from bankruptcy.

"Crop surpluses may be converted into meat and milk products thru his livestock."

The show. Others won ribbons on some of the little known varieties. As a result, Harvey C. Wood of the Garden Poultry Show wired State College asking that exhibits of Silver Leghorns and Golden Wyandottes from this State be sent for inclusion in the national exhibit.

The poultry will be selected from the flocks of Catawba County club members and the birds will be shipped directly to New York by County Agent J. W. Hendricks.

J. M. Gray, assistant director of extension at State College, and Dr. E. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department, state that this is a very unusual honor to come to North Carolina. At the Third World's Poultry Congress, the birds from North Carolina will be exhibited with fine poultry from every nation of the earth. This honor is but an added tribute to the rapid strides being made in poultry growing in this State say these agricultural leaders. Since 1915, the college has conducted active work in poultry with rural boys and girls. In recent years this work has begun to bear profitable fruit.

Cultivate the tobacco on a ridge for best quality of wood. The roots need air and drainage.