

## DELINQUENT TAX SALES CRITICISM BY GRADY IS ANSWERED BY McLEAN

### Counties Borrowing Money To Meet Current Expenses Instead Of Levying Sufficient Tax, McLean Tells Jurist

Raleigh, N. C., June 10.—Governor McLean tonight gave a formal reply to the attack of Judge Henry A. Grady, made last week, on the law regarding the sale of land for delinquent taxes, in which he told the jurist "in my opinion you are honestly mistaken in the view expressed by you as to the conditions under which the county government law was enacted."

Judge Grady had condemned, in an open letter to the governor, the law forcing county sheriffs to advertise for sale the land of delinquent tax payers.

Governor McLean pointed out that financial difficulties had beset the counties before the new laws were enacted.

"One of the most serious conditions which existed and still exists where the county government laws have not been enforced," the Governor wrote, "is that the authorities of the counties instead of levying taxes sufficient to meet current expenses have been, year by year, borrowing money on bonds and notes to pay current expenses without making any provision to pay same."

As to the legality of injunctions issued by Judge Grady to keep county officers from selling property for taxes, Governor McLean wrote: "Let me say that I heartily agree with you that there is no authority of law for the granting of injunctions to restrain the sale of land for taxes on the first Monday in June."

Referring to conditions before the new laws were passed he said that it was reported to the "General Assembly by the committee of the association of county commissioners that one of the most serious troubles found in connection with the fiscal operation of many counties was the method which had grown up of going through the form of selling lands for delinquent taxes, then allowing the matter to drop without collecting or attempting to collect the amount due on account of these land sales; that many influential tax payers were in the habit of refusing to pay their taxes and allowing their lands to be because they felt that in cases where the county became the purchaser the matter would be dropped."

Governor McLean noted that for many years the sheriffs of the counties had been under obligation to sell for taxes when delinquent and that the law by the 1927 General Assembly was not an entirely new provision.

and social intercourse. Many states are failing to recognize this simple truth.

The benefits from good roads come from so many sources that it is almost impossible to comprehend them all. For instance a Michigan soap company reports that improved roads have saved \$138 a year on the average in operating a number of salesmen's cars. This figure was obtained by carefully checking the operating costs of cars averaging 6,000 miles over good and bad highways.

But in the meantime, automobiles are being built faster than improved roads, and the public is losing money by it. High type roads must replace high cost roads.

### DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

That advertised goods are in particularly high favor. That they will continue that way as long as they are advertised.

That the crowds buy at the stores that are consistent advertisers.

That there is a reason for it. That the crowds know that the stores who advertise sell quality goods.

That goods of quality and service are what they are looking for.

That quality goods and right prices are recognized as necessary in modern methods of business.

That recognizing this, the dealers build their business by quality goods, right prices and advertising.

That the merchants realize that in order to be successful themselves the community must be successful.

The merchant who does not realize this is as dead as a mummy.—Edson R. Waite.

### MADISON SCHOOLS

State School Facts, a publication issued by the State of North Carolina, in giving figures on the value of school property in the State lists Madison in the following figures:

White School: 59 school houses, 166 classrooms, value of school property \$394,648, value per class room \$2,377, value per child enrolled is \$70 and the rank of 78.

Negro schools listed as 3 school houses, 3 class rooms, value \$1,000, value per class room \$333.00 value per child enrolled \$14, and ranked 77.

### M. H. C. TRACK MEET

At the track meet held recently at Mars Hill, one of our Madison County men took high honors. This was Mr. Grant McDarris, who won first place in the standing broad jump, his mark being 10 ft. 3 1/2 in., and also the shot put event, his mark in this event with the 16 lb. shot being 37 ft. 9 inches. Mr. McDarris also took honors in the running broad jump and the relay race.

### TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Through the columns of the News-Record I wish to express my deep appreciation for the nice vote given me in the primary June 2nd, and I hope to retain this confidence during the next two years in office.

Will be glad to have you call and see me in Marshall and you can rest assured you will be given the same kind and courteous treatment as has always been given you heretofore.

Very truly, your friend,  
J. WILL ROBERTS.

### A CORRECTION

In the tabulated returns of election published in the News-Record last week, the vote for Claud Wild in No. 12 Township read 79 votes when it should have been 89. We regret the error but at that the total vote remains the same for Mr. Wild in the entire county.

To get the strongest Irish potato plants, the seed piece should weigh approximately one and a half ounces. Many growers economize on seed at the expense of the crop.

Four cars of limestone were ordered recently by a group of farmers in Granville County.

If a bride isn't homesick for her family six weeks after marriage it is a sign she married the right man.

## Songs of Plain Folks

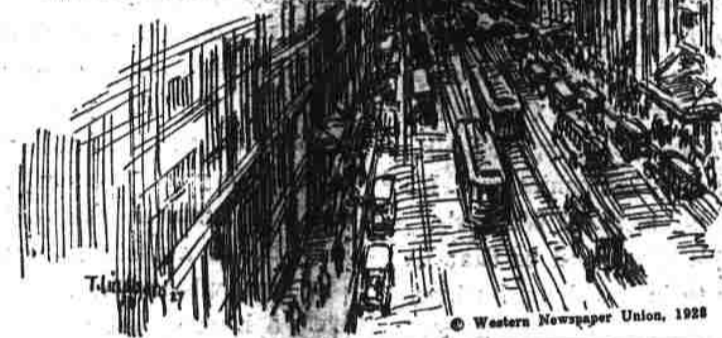
By James Lewis Hays

### The City

I'd always heard them calling,  
Giant cities, like a dream,  
With their noble buildings reaching  
To the skies—like stars—gleaming.  
So at last I saw the cities,  
East and West, from coast to coast,  
And I like their life and beauty,  
I could live in them—almost.

But in every ringing city  
There was something that I missed;  
The friendliness—you miss it,  
Where streams of people twist  
Through crowded, noisy places—  
You miss it in their eyes.  
I came back to friendly places,  
Back to friendly country skies.

The country smiles a little  
Even on the dullest day,  
And country folk reflect it  
When they meet at work or play.  
The city's worth a visit,  
Worth exploring for a while,  
But I'm living in the country,  
Where the hills and valleys smile.



## MAN NEARLY DEAD RESULT WRECK WALNUT CREEK ROAD

### WHISKEY FOUND; ARRESTS MADE; MANN ACT VIOLATED

Okely Shelton, young resident of Route 2, Greenville, Tenn., was brought to the Marshall hospital Wednesday morning at about eleven o'clock, suffering from injuries received in a car wreck near the home of Charlie Henderson on the Walnut Creek road several miles north-west of here. Shelton has internal injuries and will probably die, but has a slim chance to recover, physicians in the hospital say.

An investigation is being conducted by Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, Policeman Cloyd L. Henderson, Mayor Grover C. Redmon, Deputy Sheriff George Rector revealed the following from the account given by Marie Shelton, sister of the injured man:

Marie Shelton, Okely Shelton, another Shelton, brother of Okely Shelton, and Beulah Hayney left Tennessee Tuesday in two cars with a whiskey shipment, probably headed for Asheville. They spent Tuesday night on the road and arrived on Laurel Wednesday morning after dawn. They left Laurel and were on the way to Marshall when the wreck occurred. Hayney and the injured man were in the front car which they claim was forced from the road by a truck, Marie Shelton and brother following in the second car. When arrested all were found to have been drinking and a case containing 12 one-half gallon jars of whiskey was found hidden ten feet from the wrecked car. Hayney and the uninjured Shelton refused to talk when questioned here by Sheriff Ramsey.

An account of the affair was given by Marie Shelton. The two men were held in jail without bond pending the outcome of the injured man's condition. The girl is being held in custody of officers. Sheriff Ramsey has a warrant for Hayney on a charge of wife desertion, and he is being held here. The charges are: driving a car while intoxicated, aiding and abetting in transporting, violation of the Mann Act. The charge is that Marie Shelton has been living with Hayney since he deserted his wife. Hayney has conveyed Marie Shelton across the North Carolina-Tennessee line. The Sheltons live at Limestone, Tenn., and their father and mother there have been notified. Hayney is said to have been driving the wrecked car at the time of the accident. Officers are continuing the investigation. The injured man was found lying in the road beside the wrecked car by Roosevelt Franklin, of White Rock, who brought him to the hospital here.

### McKINLEY FRANKLIN IN CAR WRECK

Mystery surrounds the entire affair. Rumors have been going around that Shelton was not out up by the wrecked car, but by some other means. However, there is nothing definite about that yet. The boys have been engaged in the whiskey business. The sheriff said Wednesday that he had warned them and now would have to enforce the law.

McKinley Franklin, of the Bull Creek section near here, is in the Marshall hospital with a broken leg and other injuries, as a result of a wreck on the road east of here Wednesday morning.

### Failure Where Success Could Have Been By Using County Agent

I went into the chicken business some years ago. I thought I knew how to handle the business. I also got some said advice from said chicken raisers but lo, and behold, it all proved to be a sad mistake to listen to all comers and goers.

Since I closed out my business, I have seen others succeed by using the county agent and state help, so I see if I had taken the help of the county agent and the State Department of Agriculture, I could today, have been making my living from some 400 or 500 hens.

I am only giving this to prove what has been said for the County Agent, also to prove what has been said against him to be from the unthoughtful or from a personal interest.

Just a word to the churches. I find in looking about that there is too much new fangled stuff taking the place of the true doctrine that Christ that which was tried in the fiery furnace, also in the lions den. If it stood that and much more, why try to set up something to take its place. It is only leading the younger generation away from God.

So, all of you read your Bibles and if I am wrong tell me so, and if I am right stay by it.

A Friend to All,  
SPURGEON HENDERSON,  
R. 4., Marshall, N. C.

### ANNUAL COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Officers of the Madison County Sunday School Association announce that the Annual County Sunday School Convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15 with the North Fork Baptist Church, seven and one-half miles southwest of Barnard, N. C.

Outside speakers helping in the convention will be Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, Associate Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association; and Miss Freda Bose, Louisville, Ky., for the past four years Educational Director of the New Orleans Council of Religious Education.

Also helping on the program will be several of the best known Sunday School workers in the county. The convention is interdenominational and workers from all Sunday Schools in the County are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements for the convention are A. W. Whitehurst and J. A. Dennis, President and Secretary of Madison County Sunday School Association. These officers are requesting the cooperation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The new Nash County Poultry Association has ordered 1,500 baby chicks and four standard 1000-chick capacity oil brooders. Different members of the association have finished building 11 brooder houses.

## RATHER STORMY SESSION THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Beaufort County is leading the state in breeding, feeding and shipping hogs to eastern markets. Over \$60,000 in cash has been received by farmers of this county so far this spring for their fat hogs.

### WILL THIS PAY MADISON COUNTY

By J. Weldon Harris

Now that the great election is over, let us turn our eyes from the political arena for just a while and take a peep into the future of Madison County. The above question in full is this, "will it pay the people of Madison County to have enacted, a law to exempt mills and factories from a county tax for a period of years after they locate in the county?" I can answer for myself only, and I will answer in the affirmative, a thousand times over.

I notice Dr. Hutchins' reply to Mr. Plemmons in regard to the tax question in Madison County. He advocated a bill of this kind to help solve the tax question in this county. He did not go as far with this as I asked him to do. I am not trying to find fault to Mr. Hutchins. He did not make this question as broad and liberal as I suggested to him. Mills and factories dodge high taxed counties. On my return to Madison County five years ago, I found this county very heavily bonded. I said then and I say now, Madison County needs a payroll. This will keep our people at home and bring in additional people. All progressive counties and towns are offering special inducements to get mills to locate in their midst. I would suggest the people write their next representative, Mr. Hutchins, to have a law of this kind passed.

I would further say that it should be made very liberal. It should be put on a step rate basis. The more employees any factory worked the longer they would be exempt from county taxes. Allowing them five years taxes on the first 100 employees and two years on the third hundred employees and one year taxes for each additional hundred employees.

Under this plan a mill working two thousand hands would get 27 years of taxes. I will further say this law should include any old mill that had been in operation providing it would reorganize and increase its output of goods. A law like this would make things hum in Madison. It would go a long way in helping to solve Madison's tax problem. It would make Madison the richest county west of the Blue Ridge. A textile mill working two thousand employees, paying an average wage of \$2.00 per diem amounts to \$4000 per day, allowing 300 working days to the year, in 20 years time it would make a payroll of 24 million dollars. Suppose their tax would be two million dollars, it is not better to give them two million dollars and have 24 million dollars in circulation. Still you would have 22 million in favor of the county.

Look at the extra taxes to be gained by people moving into the county, building extra homes and buying extra cows, and hogs, they would buy also the extra cows to pay tax on. It would provide a home market for all kinds of vegetables, making it easier for the farmer to pay his tax. A mill working 2000 employees means a town of about 6000 inhabitants.

I am informed that Forsythe county has a law of this kind and that there are over 100 factories in that county and that Forsythe County is assessed at over 100 million dollars. If it pays Forsythe County it surely will pay Madison. We have the climate, the power, the water and the mill sites and the labor.

Factories coming from New England can locate in Forsythe County as easy as they can in Madison. The United States gave the railroads millions of acres of land to build their road across the plains and over the mountains to the Pacific Coast to get the west settled up. Elizabethon, Tenn., gave the silk mill 10 years taxes and a free site to locate in the town.

I am informed that Knoxville, Tenn gave the United States Rubber Co., one hundred thousand dollars to build a plant four miles east of Knoxville that will work 45,000 employees. If it pays Knoxville and other places, it is logical it will pay Madison to do likewise.

If our mill and power sites in Madison County were fully developed they would work at least 15,000 people. As we enter Madison from the west we find some fine places for factories at Paint Rock. I saw told Hot Springs has 1000 acres of vacant level land. There are some good mill sites at Runnion and Stackhouse also. Runnion has 30 acres of vacant level land and Redmon comes in for her share and Marshall likewise. A law like this will make a lower tax rate. It will make better schools and churches and roads. It will cause ten shades of grass to grow in Madison where one formerly grew. This will answer Mr. Plemmons' tax question.

People of Madison, wake up and get busy, let this sink deep into your hearts and forget it not. As I close this argument I will ask the question: Will this pay Madison County?

### SEND TEN DELEGATES TO RALEIGH INSTRUCTED AGAINST SMITH

The Madison County Democratic Convention held in the courthouse in Marshall last Saturday, was well attended by Democrats from all over the County. The chairman, N. B. McDevitt, called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect delegates to the State Convention in Raleigh. Mr. John H. McElroy was made secretary. Mr. Thomas Frisbee of Hot Springs made a motion that the delegates go into executive session, which meant that all except delegates should leave the hall. This was opposed by John McElroy, Guy V. Roberts and others but was passed and prevailed. Mr. McDevitt, the chairman, disappeared as the delegates assembled. After waiting for some time for him to return, Mr. Lee Ramsey was elected chairman. After getting the voting strength of each voting precinct, before the delegates could be elected, the two factions—Smith and anti-Smith—broke out in a free for all discussion. Attorneys John McElroy and Guy V. Roberts were outspoken in behalf of Smith, while Smith was opposed quite vehemently by Mr. Thomas Frisbee, Dr. Burnett and others. Two lists of names were nominated, one list being declared to be for Smith and the other against Smith. When the votes were counted the anti-Smith delegation had been elected to go to Raleigh, the vote being 29-22. The following were the delegates named: J. Morgan Ramsey, Fred Holcombe, S. L. Ponder, J. M. Ramsey, H. E. Martin, Grady Merrell, Marion Edwards, Ellis Gregory, Grady Wallin, Tom Frisbee, Bryan Teague.

As I sat in my room one night I had a vision. In this vision I saw the future progress of Spring Creek High School.

### Future Of Spring Creek High School.

By Buren Coward

Situated in the center of the beautiful valley of Spring Creek, I saw a very modern school building. I wondered at this improvement because it was something I had not dreamed of after being used to the little building that had served students and answered every call for many years, but there can be something better. As I look again over this astonishing wonderment as this beautiful building standing out there in a valley of valleys, of which was overlooked by beautiful mountains and hills, I wondered if there could be anything more pleasing to the students eye? This new improvement with its beautiful surroundings would surely attract numbers to explore the fields of knowledge.

As I wandered up the winding path that led to the house I slowly ascended the steps at the front door, I met a very attractive young man who showed me through the building. He showed me through the class rooms, agriculture and home economic departments. One of the most interesting things to me was the library. This occupied a large room, I stayed in this room for some time taking down the many books and magazines of strange titles.

There were numbers of teachers for each grade, a teacher for agriculture, home economics, music and four other high school teachers. Evidently there must have been some wonderful work going on.

Suddenly my thoughts went back to the little school house on the hill and I wondered how a new one could be appreciated. Something seemed to say only that had the experience of attending both.

Everything seemed to be changed, the people had a different attitude as they had the hopes of the future citizens of tomorrow, lay in the boys and girls of today. They were giving them every opportunity to fit vocation that they could pass on and really be a benefit to the human race.

I saw professors of different subjects in all their dignity planting the seed that would grow and germinate in the boy and girl, that would spend their time in the upbuilding of a community or nation.

My! But my vision seems to fade as I started off I turned to look again. I wondered if I had been half dreaming?

Look! The vision which had seemed so near had faded. The school house and all its beauty was slowly vanishing as the sun sinks into a river of gold.