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THE STATE'S NEW TAXATION POLICY

By Clarence Poe.

All over North Carolina there is much interest in the State's new taxation policy. Many inquiries as to just what is proposed.

1. The 1920 Tax Exemption.

The new taxation policy of the State aims at three things:

- (1) Honesty in assessment.
(2) A reduction in tax rate to correspond to the increase in assessed values.
(3) Provision for lightening the burdens of poverty and industry, and putting a larger share of the burdens of taxation on men with large incomes.

With regard to the latter point, we may note in the outset that the recent Legislature was the first one to take advantage of the authority given it by the Constitution to provide a \$300 exemption for tax-payers, this provision of the new law reading as follows:

"From and after the year 1919 there shall be allowed an exemption for each person of wearing apparel, arms for muster, household and kitchen furniture, the mechanical and agricultural instruments of mechanics and farmers, laborers and scientific instruments, and provisions, not exceeding a total value of three hundred dollars."

2. The Revaluation Plan.

Now about the plans for securing just assessments. In the past everybody understood that he was permitted to list property something less than its real value; and that a man's conscience, the lower the rate he named; and this thing had grown worse and worse year after year until it has amounted to a state disgrace.

For a man to list his property at its real value means that he would have to pay practically twice as much tax as he ought to pay. Such a system encouraged lying, and corrupted public morals at the fountain head. If the sworn officials of the state set the example of assessing real estate at 75 to 85 per cent of its value, how could the state expect the individual taxpayer to list his personal property at 100 per cent?

Now all this is to be changed. Hereafter every property owner in the state is expected to list every item of his property at its real value; and list it at 100 per cent of its value; list it at what it would bring if offered for sale under favorable conditions, and not merely at its probable selling price at a forced sale.

Now if this plan for revaluing property for taxation were offered to the average citizen, the tax rate would be correspondingly cut, of course this plan would largely fail. It specifically provides, however, that as assessed values increase, the tax rate must decrease. It is provided that the amount of tax collected by the state or by any county, city, town, or special tax districts, shall not exceed a 10 per cent increase in the amount now raised by taxation. Consequently if assessed values are increased 200 per cent, as they probably will be, the tax rate per \$100 worth of property will be proportionately reduced. Mr. J. M. Mason, who is the state's foremost tax authority, expresses the positive opinion, in fact, that under this revaluation plan, the average tax rates will be reduced to about one-fourth the present rates.

The state tax commission will supervise assessments and valuations through a scientifically designed system so that the man who voluntarily lists his property at full value may be sure that his neighbor is going to be compelled to do the same thing. And it will take about a year to get this monumental task done for the whole state. Then the Legislature will be called together and the tax rate per \$100 for state, county, special tax district and municipal purposes will be cut just in proportion as valuations have been increased.

3. The Income Tax Constitutional Amendment.

But some one may say, "While the Legislature forbade an immediate increase exceeding one-tenth in amount of taxes collected, will not this soon be increased as a result of revaluation?"

We think not, and for a very important reason.

The big purpose of this revaluation of property is not to increase the amount of taxes to secure justice and equality in assessment. Then in order to provide larger revenues for the state and give the necessary money for the most important tasks which are advancing civilization places on the commonwealth—better schools, better roads, better health, better care of the unfortunate, etc.—the legislature submits to the people another important plan. At the election in November, 1919, the people will vote on a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to tax the income of the wealthy, without regard to whether any particular income is derived from invested wealth or otherwise.

Heretofore we have had a shambled system in North Carolina. Income derived from labor has been taxable, while incomes derived from invested capital have been exempt from taxation, under constitutional provisions. Thus it is said that famous tobacco manufacturer of the state had an income of about a half million dollars a year from his property, and was not required to pay one cent of income tax. He was a millionaire or clerk getting \$1,500 a year or more, was required to pay an income tax. In England for years it has been the plan to put a heavier tax on "unearned incomes," that is to say, on those derived from invested capital, than on those derived from one's labor or profession. Our North Carolina plan has been on the other extreme, and the voters of the state ought to pile on 100,000 majority for changing it, just as they did for changing the constitution so as to provide a six-month school term.

A great part of the state's wealth

NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF HARNETT COUNTY

Your attention is respectfully called to that portion of the "Machinery Act" which provides a discount on all taxes paid before the first day of December. In order to take advantage of this discount, your taxes must be paid on or before the last day of November.

All taxes are due and payable on and after the first Monday in October, and the books are now open so that each and every citizen may have full advantage of the discount by paying his taxes early.

I would most earnestly urge upon all citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to pay their taxes, thus making a saving to themselves and expediting the matter of collection.

Herewith is printed that portion of the law which refers to the time of payment of taxes, and also gives the rate of discount:

Section 88—Taxes Due the 1st Monday in October.

All taxes shall be due on the first Monday in October in each year, and on all taxes paid in the months of October and November a discount shall be given to the taxpayer of one per cent. All taxes paid in the month of December shall be paid at the net amount charged, and from and after the first day of January a penalty of one per cent per month shall be charged and collected by the sheriff or tax collector; that is to say, that on all taxes paid in the month of January, after the first day of January, a penalty of one per cent shall be added on the taxes paid, and in the month of February, after the first day of February, a penalty of two per cent shall be added, and an additional penalty of one per cent for each additional month of delay in settlement of same.

W. H. TURLINGTON Sheriff Harnett County

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, HARNETT COUNTY, Little B. Pugh vs. Durant Pugh.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Harnett County and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of Superior Court of said County to be held on the 26th day of Oct., 1919, at the court house, aforementioned county, in Lillington, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded.

This the 7th day of Oct., 1919. A. A. McDONALD, Clerk Superior Court. C. L. GUY, Atty.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Harnett County, issued on the 8th day of September, 1919, in the matter of "P. K. Honeycutt vs. L. B. Honeycutt et al.", the undersigned commissioner appointed by the court in said decree to make sale of the lands hereinafter described, will on Saturday, November 15th, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. offer for sale at public auction, for cash, on the premises, the following described tract of land in Harnett County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Located in Black River Township, Harnett County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. A. Adams and Joseph Adams estate on the North, the lands of Alex Flowers, and others, on the South, the lands of W. F. Flowers, and others, on the West, and containing 175 acres, more or less, being the tract of land known as the Perrin Honeycutt old home place, and including the mill and mill pond, known as Honeycutt's Mill and Honeycutt's Mill Pond, the same being located about 3-4 miles from the town of Barclayville, North Carolina.

The land will be sub-divided and first sold in sub-division and will then be sold as a whole and report made to the court of the highest bid for same.

This the 8th day of October, 1919. P. K. HONEYCUTT, Commissioner.

Sale will be conducted by WALTER & GURLEY AUCTION COMPANY.

When the boss puts an O. K. on your work it doesn't always mean he's entirely satisfied—he may be in a hurry to get out to the golf links.



The perfect balance for MILK PEOPLES SUPPLY CO.

LYCEUM AT DUKE

Under the management of the mills at Duke, the Piedmont Lyceum Bureau of Asheville, will stage four of the highest class theatrical attractions available. Professional artists of the highest type will be presented at each performance. These entertainments will be given in the Auditorium at Duke, the first of which will be the Knowlton Glee and Banjo Club, on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, October 17th.

Seasons tickets all four attractions: Adults, \$1.50; children under 12 years 75c; single tickets: adults 50c; children under 12 years 25c. War tax must be added. Tickets now on sale at E. R. Thomas Drug Store, Duke.

FOR SALE—ONE NEW VICTOR protect combination safe. Weight 1500 pounds. A real bargain. James Best, attorney-at-law.

FOR SALE—280 ACRES OF LAND in Seventy First Township, Cumberland county, 7 miles from Fayetteville. 140 acres in high state of cultivation. 4 houses, stables, 1 tubercle, hay, corn, etc. For quick sale offered at very low figure, see or write A. W. Pease, Fayetteville, N. C.

FINE SHOWING OF PRETTY piano and table lamps. Howard Electric Shop, Phone 173.

SMALL FARM NEAR COATS FOR sale. W. H. Parrish, Dunn, N. C.

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OR SALE—I HAVE SEVERAL valuable farms for sale in Harnett county, located in good neighborhoods, on good roads, and near good markets with good buildings. Call on or address, R. L. Godwin, Dunn, N. C.

JUST RECEIVED—A CAR LOAD of mattresses. Can now supply you with anything you want in this line. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$25.00. Bettler Bros., Dunn, N. C.

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BRING US YOUR LIBERTY BONDS if you want to sell them. We will pay you the highest price for them. Will pay you cash if you trade in exchange. If you decide to sell don't fail to see us. Johnson Brothers, Dunn, N. C.

NOTICE—IF YOU ARE IN THE market for nitrate of soda, large or small contracts, get in touch with us. We've got the goods, and the price will surprise you. Write wire or phone, T. T. Covington & Son "Anything in Fertilizers," Fayetteville, N. C. 10 9 4t.

BETTER GET YOUR PORTABLE piano lamp and other electrical appliances. A good selection to choose from at Howard's Electric Shop.

BUSINESS LOCAL

FOR SALE—68 ACRES, 48 CLEAR, clay subsoil cleared land fenced, Wade, N. C. on the National d. Good buildings, 3 miles south of Highway. R. L. Taylor, Wade, N. C. 10-2-19-3t pd.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL NEW FORD touring cars. E. V. Gainey.

TENANT WANTED FOR FOUR-acre farm situated near Linden, Good land and nice two-story house on it. Apply to E. M. Jeffreys, Dunn, N. C.

SPECIAL—STRAW MATS AT your own price. We have a large assortment to select from, all of which are going at a big reduction. Call at once before they are picked over. A good styles. Johnson Brothers, Dunn.

FOR SALE—A MILCH COW AND calf. Cow gives 2 to 3 gallons of milk daily. If interested see H. P. Farnell, Dunn No. 5. 2t-pd.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FORDS for sale. FARRISH-DRIVER CO.

FOR SALE—FIFTY HOGS suitable for fattening, also five fine herd sows, one choice Hampshire boar six months old, two Jersey cows five nice farms ranging in size from 50 to 1250 acres each, 25 crops for rent. Good houses on roads near churches and schools. See J. C. Layton, Dunn, N. C. No. 3. 10 16 2t.

FOR SALE—ONE PRACTICALLY new bug and harness for cash or on time. E. V. Gainey.

PAY YOUR TAXES IN OCTOBER and save the discount. See Chief Page at his office in the Municipal Building.

CARBIDE ON HAND. SEE W. C. Kanoy, near Postoffice, Dunn, N. C.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A DISCOUNT if you pay your town taxes during the month of October. Pay now and save the discount. U. S. Page, Town Tax Collector.

FARM FOR SALE—NINETY-eight acres on sixteen years time. W. H. PARRISH.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A DISCOUNT if you pay your town taxes during this month. Pay Chief Page now and save the discount.

UNLIMITED MONEY TO LEND ON long time on first-class real estate, \$1,000.00 up. With or without life insurance; with or without brokerage charges. Liberal appraisal of property, and prompt attention given to all applications. Some high-producing farms always for sale. R. L. GODWIN, Dunn, N. C. 10-2-tf.

WANTED—BIDS ON OCTOBER 18, by competent contractors, for the erection of Mt. Zion Baptist church in Samburg, N. C. Meet us there at 12 o'clock. W. H. Parrish, S. A. Jackson, Building Committee.

WANTED AT ONCE—YOUNG WOMEN age 18 to 32 to take training course in nursing in the training school for nurses in the New Pittman Hospital, Fayetteville, N. C. The work is not hard, but is very interesting and beneficial with every convenience for teaching and care of the nurses. 10 16 4t.

FOR SALE—4 HOUSES AND SEVERAL vacant lots in Dunn. Easy terms. James Best, attorney-at-law.

UNIVERSAL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES of all kinds. Any thing you need for electricity. Howard Electric Shop. Phone 173.

CARBIDE ON HAND. SEE W. C. Kanoy, near Postoffice, Dunn, N. C.

FOR SALE—ONE SECOND HAND Maxwell touring car in good condition. E. V. Gainey.

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FINE SHOWING OF PRETTY piano and table lamps. Howard Electric Shop, Phone 173.

FOR SALE—ONE 1916-17 MAX-well frame with running boards. E. V. Gainey.

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YOUNG'S TWO-FIFTY EGG Strain of Single Comb White Leghorn Cockerels, March hatched, \$2 each. Lucetta Parker, Duke, N. C.

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FOR SALE—ONE GOOD MULE 1000 pounds, cash or on time. E. V. Gainey.

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REMNANT PIANOS ARE CREATED to excel. They do. That is why they are the talk of the town. Sold by Parrish-Driver Co.

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FARMERS Bankers, Merchants, Professional Men
The American Cotton Association
North Carolina Division, Harnett County Branch
HOLD YOUR COTTON FOR 36 1-2c. The world is short of cotton and you can get this price if you will not rush your cotton to market. It means thousands of dollars in your pockets. Cotton mills will soon be forced to go into the market to supply their needs. The American Cotton Association asks you to help the cause by not selling for less than 36 1-2c. in October, and increase the price half a cent a month from now on. The cotton is short and there is a bigger demand for cotton goods than in many years. The farmers deserve more than the cost of production for this crop, and they get a fair price for cotton if they will only stick together and hold cotton off the market now. ORGANIZE COTTON WAREHOUSES. The American Cotton Association furnishes the organization through which cotton warehouses may be established in every cotton growing community, either under the Federal or State plan. Join the Association and help get enough warehouses to store all the cotton produced in the County. When you store cotton in a State warehouse you can take the cotton receipt and get money with which to tide you over until the price is right and you want to sell. Warehouses will keep the cotton in the farmer's hands, and keep it out of Wall street speculators. Talk it over with your neighbors and your business friends, your merchant and your banker. HELP PROSPERITY TO STAY WITH US. It is now or never with the cotton farmer and the business men of the South. We are prosperous this year, and have the money to organize to maintain a fair price for cotton. You, who remember the days of six cent cotton! Do you want to see a return of those days? They will surely come unless we take steps to prevent their return. The only way to do this is to organize and work together for a fair price for cotton. Everybody who has handled cotton has made money out of it—that is everybody except the farmer. If the farmer and his real friends stick together now, if they join the American Cotton Association and help in its work, we can invite prosperity to make her home in the South and the invitation will be accepted. See your County Chairman and get Literature which tells you all about it. Attend Local Mass Meetings and State Meetings at Raleigh, Tuesday, October 21 at 11 O'clock. Watch Your Newspapers. Everybody Organizes—Why Not The Cotton Farmers? S. G. RUBINOW, State Campaign Director Raleigh, North Carolina.

\$3,000,000 DEAL FOR AMERICAN SIX

One of the biggest automobile deals of recent months was completed in New York last week when P. W. Hanal, vice-president and supervisor of sales of the American Motors Corporation, and C. B. Penney, president of Penney & Long, Greensboro, N. C., put their signatures to a contract covering the general distribution rights of the American Six in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and other Southern territory. The contract calls for the delivery of 2,500 American Six automobiles during the next twelve months and the total sum involved is in excess of \$3,000,000. In order to handle the distribution of this large quantity of cars Penney & Long are putting up a 100,000 building in Greensboro, N. C., and will maintain extensive plants at other distributing points. The firm is very active in the Southern automobile and accessory fields and includes among its officers and directors R. G. Vaughn, president American Exchange National Bank, Greensboro, N. C.; H. R. Bush, president Dixie Fire Insurance Company; H. G. Chatham, president Chatham Manufacturing Company; R. J. Mabane, vice-president Southern Life and Trust Company; Pierce Rucker, of Rucker & Co., and A. L. Brooks, of Brooks, Sapp & Kelly, general counsel for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. Major John E. Russell, recently in charge of Hazelhurst Field, has resigned his commission in the Regular Army to take personal charge of the service department.

"The deal is the outgrowth of our experience in handling the American Balanced Six in the limited territory of North Carolina during the past three months," said Mr. Penney, "in which time we have put on the market more than 250 cars. The success of the American has been so extraordinary in this difficult country that we have been led to put the entire resources of our company behind the distribution of this Balanced Six on a much larger scale. Our requirements will call for a considerable increase in the production schedule of the American Six, but the manufacturers have given us ample assurances of their ability to take care of our needs. Upon the completion of its present building programme the American Motors plant at Plainfield, N. J., will have a capacity of 7,500 cars a year, which is the output scheduled for the coming year."

It is understood that the Southern interests identified with Penney and Long have bought heavily into the American Corporation. C. B. Penney is becoming a member of the board of directors.

Respectfully from The New York Sun, Sept. 14, 1919.



For Sale by E. L. PARKER & SONS

Saturday Only Gunshells 89c per Box WALTER JONES