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TAXPAYER STILL MAY APPEAL CASE

Can Go Before County Commissioners Second Monday in July

Much amending of the Revenue and Machinery Act in recent years and the concurrent confusion as to just what the status of laws for fixing the valuation of property for taxation provide for at present, have not changed the immemorial provision that on the second Monday in July each year, an aggrieved citizen can appeal to his county board of commissioners for redress, according to an opinion furnished yesterday to the Revenue Commission by Attorney General Manning.

No further general alteration of present values through a horizontal reduction, general revaluation or the like, can be made without further legislation on the matter, but nothing in the amendments or other new legislation has abrogated the right of individual appeal, in the opinion of Judge Manning. The opinion follows:

"Section 28 and its subdivisions were amendments to the revaluation act of 1919 and were enacted by the Legislature of 1921 to meet the unusual depression which had occurred, and was supposed to have occurred in values of real estate generally throughout the State. In order to meet this condition which had followed the revaluation of real estate under the act of 1919, the Legislature prescribed that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting in joint session with the Board of Review, could adopt for its respective county of one of three methods to wit, horizontal reduction, revaluation of all real property or the hearing of petitions by individual owners of real estate.

"All of the counties of the State adopted one of these three methods, reported their action to the State Board of Equalization and the State Board of Review approved the same. The respective county boards of equalization were authorized to revalue the real estate in the State until the next general re-valuation of real estate, which has been for many years in this State made once in each four years.

"There has been also in the Machinery Act of the State for the past 15 or 20 years, sections 77 and 78. Under these sections the Board of County Commissioners is created the county Board of Equalization, and it is authorized to meet on the second Monday of July of each year and consider, having given notice of this meeting, individual complaints of over-assessment or under-assessment. It has power to hear evidence and take testimony and determine in each individual case whether the property is excessively valued as compared with the value of other real estate in the county or whether it is under valued.

"As the name of this board suggests, it is the county Board of Equalization for real estate values in the county. It has no power of general revision and it has no power to make a general assessment of values of real estate in the county, but its power is limited to undertaking to equalize the value already established but it cannot create a new standard of value."—News and Observer.

CATCH GRADUATE OF SHOPLIFTERS' SCHOOL

Girl Who Accumulated \$20,000 Worth of Finery Worries Store Managers

San Francisco, Calif., May 9.—Harriet Crowthers, 22-year-old confessed graduate of a "School of Shoplifters" in Chicago, sat complacently in a cell today while half a dozen worried department store managers considered her remarks in the light of her acts.

Miss Crowthers, according to her story as recounted by the police, plied her trade here one week and accumulated \$20,000 worth of finery, including 200 gowns, of which she says 79 came from one store. She added that she could have "backed a truck up to any store in town, robbed it, and gotten away without detection."

The young woman said a "mob of shoplifters" had taken her to San Francisco and she had been caught only because she forgot some of the rules.

WINTER WHEAT CROP SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Big Increases in Production of Rye and Hay Forecast by Department

Washington, May 9.—Improvement was shown in the winter wheat crop during the last month, the Department of Agriculture today forecasting this year's production at 581,793 bushels, based on the May 1 condition.

Today's forecast is approximately 12,500,000 bushels more than was estimated a month ago, 2,300,000 bushels less than produced last year, and 6,000,000 bushels larger than the average production for the last five years.

There was almost 10,000,000 bushels increase in the production forecast of rye compared with a month ago. A total crop of 76,512,000 bushels is forecast.

Hay promises a crop about 7,000,000 tons larger than last year's, the production this year being forecast at 103,579,000 tons.

Spring plowing and planting both were behind the average for the last ten years, while the condition of pastures was much lower than a year ago and also below the ten year average.

The condition of winter wheat on May 1, and the forecast of production in the Southern States follow:

Virginia, condition 91 per cent normal, production forecast 10,499,000; North Carolina, 91 and 61,475,000; South Carolina 66 and 1,210,000; Georgia 75 and 1,519,000; Tennessee, 93 and 5,616,000; Alabama 80 and 212,000.

NO MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE HELD IN LILLINGTON

Lillington, May 11.—Memorial day was observed in Lillington only as a holiday, there being no exercises in celebration of the event. The reason for this is that the graves of soldiers are scattered over a wide territory, each local community having its burying ground in whose bosom rest the remains of the fallen heroes. Many people from Lillington were in attendance upon the exercises at Chitara cemetery near Averasboro last night around three miles from Dunn. The program began at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the Dunn post of American Legion and U. D. C. Capt Rowland Williams of Dunn, delivered the address. The exercises were conducted under the supervision of Mrs. McD. Holliday and the music was furnished by the Dunn Concert Band.

OFFER CONVICT TWO MILLIONS FOR LAND

Jefferson City, Mo., May 9.—D. P. Hayes, a convict of negro and Indian blood, has received two offers, one purporting to be two million dollars and the other \$1,800,000, for his oil interests, prison officials said today. He is serving three years for forgery.

Hayes is said to be the owner of 160 acres of Mexican land, classified as oil land. He is reported to have been advised not to sell the land for less than \$4,000,000.

FRIBS ...

The Irish border is frayed—Greenville Piedmont.

CO-EDS DEMAND VOTES FOR THEIR FAVORITES

Jake Wade Has Effective Campaigner in Fair Feminine Specimen

Chapel Hill, May 10.—The ever-effective woman suffrage method-but-tonholing, honeyed-voice, sweet smile, with a hint of terrorization in the background—was in evidence during the student elections at the University here.

"Did you vote for Jake Wade for editor of the Tar Heel?" a particularly pretty young woman said to each friend of hers who came to the postoffice at the crowded hour. Her words were in the form of a question, but lurking in the tone was something that seemed, unmistakably, to say: "Well, if you didn't you're no friend of mine and you needn't come around again."

If any of those she addressed had voted against her choice or planned to, he didn't admit it.

Of course, Wade didn't have all the partisans among co-eds. Each candidate had his feminine following which contributed persuasion as well as votes.

PURSE OF GOLD GIVEN TO VETERAN MINISTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Richmond, Va., May 10.—In recognition of his 50 years of continuous service as a trustee of the institution, the Rev. H. C. Hill, of Maxton, N. C., was today presented a purse of gold at the final exercises of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. W. W. Moore, the president, making the presentation speech.

RETIRED LIST BY CONFERENCE

Hot Springs, May 11.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, today sustained a recommendation that Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, and John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte, N. C., be placed on the retired list.

161,000 ACRES ARE PLANTED TO WATERMELONS THIS YEAR

Washington, May 7.—The acreage planted to watermelons in early producing states this year totals 161,000 acres in nine states as compared with 109,800 harvested acres in 1921, according to estimates made public by the United States department of agriculture. This is an increase of 47 per cent.

GEORGIA HAS 57,800 ACRES THIS YEAR, A GAIN OF 82 PER CENT OVER THE HARVESTED ACREAGE LAST YEAR. TEXAS HAS 38,400 ACRES OR 29 PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1921. FLORIDA HAS 36,400 ACRES, A GAIN OF 89 PER CENT. ACREAGES HAVE ALSO INCREASED IN SOUTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

A small decrease was shown in North Carolina.

100,000 RATIONS TO VICTIMS OF FLOOD

Relief Commission in Louisiana Finds Nobody Actually Starving To Death. Report Made

Natchez, Miss., May 10.—With 7,000 persons already rationed in the flooded areas of Concordia, Catahoula and Tensas parishes, all of the 25,000 flood sufferers in this district will have been supplied with food by the end of the present week. W. P. Connell, chairman of the executive committee of the Louisiana state relief commission declared after conferences with workers and planters today. Fifty thousand rations were ordered Tuesday for distribution at Vidalia and points along the river south.

Rations will be issued, Mr. Connell said, where emergencies exist, but registration cards must come with the next request.

Rationing will be on a weekly or semi-monthly basis. Where points or families are difficult of access, he said rations for two weeks will be supplied at one time. One hundred thousand rations have been distributed thus far.

People will be allowed to stay in their homes where it is possible to reach them from barges and other points of distribution. When this is impossible, they must come to the camps to get supplies, he said.

"From all our investigations, we could find no one who is actually hungry," said Mr. Connell. "When hunger impends, people have gone to the camps according to reports."

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE EXCITING TIMES IN ANNUAL ELECTION

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TELS STORY OF DAVIS' CAPTURE

Veteran Says President Of the Confederacy Was In

Fayetteville, May 6.—Sheriff McGeachy and his deputies made a good record last month in the war on manufacturers of moonshine liquor. They captured fourteen men alleged to have been engaged in illicit distillery or assisting in doing so. They got twenty-seven stills, together with a great quantity of beer, besides other articles used in the making of the fluid which makes inebriates and sometimes does worse.

Yesterday Jailer W. A. West, the custodian of the captured booze plants, cut up thirty-nine stills and all caps and worms and other fixtures pertaining thereto. On being asked by a reporter what he did with the scrap heap, he declined to tell, alleging as his reason the fear that bootleggers might be tempted to try and make a still out of the scraps.

TRADE IS GROWING IN EVERY INDUSTRY

Questionnaire Among Manufacturers Shows That Business Has Turned and Left "Corner"

New York, May 10.—Business and trade conditions throughout the United States, as reported by 50,000 manufacturers to John E. Edgerton, president of the National association of Manufacturers today, show a stable, sane, definite and continuing advance.

"We have at last turned the corner," said Mr. Edgerton's summary of a survey of the industry just completed. "We are now leading it very far behind. Business is on the upgrade in practically all of the basic industries."

The survey was made by questionnaires, answers to which were received within the last 24 hours so that it represents conditions as of today.

"The great majority of our basic industries report that the present trade is fair to good; some say it is excellent, but only a small part say it is poor," the report continued.

"There is a general tenor of bright prospects for the future, and a great many of the industries not only report that they are employing more men than they were a year ago, but that they are looking for a still further increase in their forces when the fall work sets in."

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LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE OF DUKE

Duke, May 10.—The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church will give a silver tea at the home of Mrs. E. H. Best next Friday evening, from 7 till 9. A musical program will be rendered, after which refreshments will be served. The proceeds will be for the expenses of the Episcopal church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. A. C. McCall, pastor of the Baptist church, has been quite ill from throat trouble for the past few days. He was conducting revival services when stricken. It is hoped that he will soon be able to resume his preaching.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Benson, conducted services here Sunday night at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. C. Campbell, of Blue's Creek, conducted the services at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Annie W. Tillinghast and daughter spent Friday in Wilson.

Miss Madelyn Knight, of West Durham, was a week-end guest here. W. S. Whitfield of West Durham, spent the week end here.

Thomas H. Webb and family, of Concord, spent the week end here, the guests of Dr. W. F. Holt.

Claud Simons, of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, spent the week end here with his sister, Miss Maud Simons.

Phillip and Frederick Thomas, students at Trinity Park School, Durham returned home last Thursday for the summer.

"Mickey" O'Quinn, of the Greensboro ball club, spent the week-end here with his parents.

David Small, of Lexington, has accepted a position here with the Park Cafe.

C. H. Anderson spent the week-end in Winston-Salem.

Noah Kelly, who was injured in an automobile wreck last week, is getting along very well in the hospital here.

William, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Harrington, gave a very enjoyable party to several of his young friends Thursday night, in honor of his sixth birthday. Ice cream and cake was served.

Miss Lena Colville entertained Friday night at her home to several of her friends. Games were played, after which music and refreshments were enjoyed. About fourteen were present.

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C. B. Colton, of Boone, N. C., and G. Wright Lanford, of Harmony, were elected assistant editors of the Tar Heel, with H. H. Bartlett, of Stanfield, managing editor. All were on the Tar Heel board this year, and won out over the other candidates by substantial majorities.

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PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO HENRY P. DAVISON

Multi-Millionaire and Simple Villager Meet At Services; Morgan Presides

Locust Valley, N. Y., May 9.—Multi-millionaire and simple villager met today at the little ivy clad chapel of St. John's of Lattingtown for the funeral of Henry P. Davison, banker and philanthropist.

Present, too, were men and women of the American Red Cross to pay tribute to the man who during the World War had directed the organization's efforts to keep afloat the "ark of life or ease the final hour of the dying."

The Red Cross wreath occupied a place of honor at the bier; the Red Cross flag floated from the rafters in the tiny Long Island church; a group of Red Cross nurses stood with bowed heads on the church lawn during the simple Episcopal ritual, and a delegation from the Red Cross war council officially represented the "greatest mother in the world."

J. P. Morgan, head of the banking house in which Mr. Davison had been a partner, led the procession into the church, to which only the nearest relatives and closest friends were admitted. Around the chapel were massed men and women internationally prominent who had come by motor or special train for the ceremony.

At the graveside for the final rites were only the closest friends.

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