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## QUESTIONAIRES FOR ALL LAND OWNERS

Mr. C. C. Cornwell, who as supervisor for Gaston county of the work involving a revaluation of all real and personal property under the legislation enacted by the last session of the General Assembly, began this week the work of mailing out questionnaires to property owners. He is beginning with Rutherford township. This township will be disposed of and others in turn taken up.

Under the workings of this new law property is to be assessed at its "market value" and the taxes assessed upon this valuation. However, the State guarantees that the taxes will not increase more than 10 per cent. "The Value in Money—Low Tax Rate" is the principle under which the new system operates.

### Blank For Listing Acreage.

The following letter is being written by Mr. Cornwell and enclosed with the blanks to be filled out:

Dear Sir:  
Blank forms are mailed to you here with for listing your real property under the Revaluation Act. If you own more than one tract of real property a separate blank must be filled out for each tract.

This is for the general revaluation of property, when as to be made upon the basis of the net cash value of the property. That is the basis that is to be applied to all property for tax purposes. It is the only basis upon which there can be an equal assessment of property in all counties in the State and upon an equal basis as between property owners. This basis of valuation will, of course, generally result in much higher valuations than have heretofore been made of property for tax purposes.

But please understand that this does not necessarily mean that the amount of your taxes will be increased, even though the actual value of your property may be greatly increased. In fact, it cannot result in an increase in the amount of your taxes of more than 10 per cent, unless your property has heretofore been assessed upon a lower basis than the general average of other property. This is positively guaranteed in the Revaluation Act. The assessment that is to be made upon these blanks does not go into effect until 1920, and before it goes into effect the General Assembly will meet in special session and readjust all tax rates to conform to the total valuations made under this assessment, and upon a guarantee that the rates will be so adjusted that the total taxes in 1920 will not be increased more than 10 per cent over total taxes collected this year.

In other words, we are to have actual cash values and low tax rates, instead of low valuations and high tax rates as at present.

Please fill out these blanks, answering each question as accurately as you can. One of us is required to inspect each piece of real property, and we expect to call to see you for this purpose on or about the — day of —. If you desire us to give you any assistance, in filling out the blanks will do so at that time.

We want to give you any assistance we can, and ask you for your cooperation and assistance in making a complete success of this work, which has for its purpose the equalization of taxes, according to the actual worth of each tax payer.

Yours truly,  
C. C. CORNWELL,  
County Supervisor.

The blank form to be filled out calls for the following information from each property owner:

County of ———— Township ———— Name of owner? Real estate description of tract? Containing ———— acres. Adjoining property? Distance from nearest city or town? Name of city or town?

Does it contain any improvements? If not, give list of them such as: No. of acres in cultivation? Value?

No. of acres in grass or pasture, value? No. of acres in waste land, value? No. of acres in timber, value? No. dwelling houses, value? No. storehouses, value? No. barns, value? No. other buildings, value? Total value of land and all improvements \$.....?

In your best judgment, does the answer given to the above question represent the actual cash value of this tract of land and all improvements on May 1, 1919? If not, what was the actual value of the property as a whole \$.....?

Does this tract contain merchantable timber in excess of that necessary for general farm use on this tract? If yes, give best estimate of timber in thousand feet?

Has timber right been sold or conveyed? If yes, to whom?

What was the consideration of sale? Give amount of insurance on buildings. If whole property was rented in 1918, what was the value in money of rent received?

If cultivated by owner, or partly cultivated and partly rented, what was the fair rental value of the whole? When did you acquire this tract of land?

If by purchase, what was consideration? Were there any circumstances connected with the sale which caused it to sell

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for more or less than its value at that time?

Give cost of improvements made since purchase \$.....?

Have you sold any part of it since purchase?

If yes, at what price per acre?

Was part sold worth more or less per acre than balance of tract?

Have you had a genuine offer for this tract to buy part of it, in the last two years?

If yes, give highest offer?

### YANKS LEAVING FRANCE

French People Now Look Upon Yank Soldier With as Much Curiosity as in 1917—Villages and Cafes Deserted.

Chicago, Thursday.

Only a few more days now remain before the vast host of Yanks who recently were great masters of Villages and Cafes will be leaving the fighting front at the front without seeing a single knaki uniform. A few weeks ago Americans were everywhere, strolling in the fields, crowding the trains and stirring the tools into constant clouds of dust with their automobiles and trucks. Like the Arabs in the past they have scientific field tents and disappear at once. The frame barracks are dismantled, the boots are gapping, there are holes in the paper windows and the benches in front of the village cafes are empty. The countryside has resumed the aspect which existed before the war days.

The day the Americans left each little French village gave a sign of relief at the departure of the noisy young men who kicked their heels, moved their bare feet from the front yards to distant fields, played with the children, settled cigarettes and candy prodigally among the older ones in the daytime and crowded the cafes and theatres in the evening. Again chickens are able to lay eggs in their own village, streets without running the risk of being trampled by a speeding American automobile.

But after a few days these people begin to miss the American chatter and noise. The outside world came to them just as farmer boys go to the outside world. The little village will never be the same again. Now when the American car rolls through the villages the children shout "Vive l'Amérique!" (Long live America!) The older folks run to the windows and doors and wave their hands in greeting just as they did two years ago when an American was a novelty in France. One hardly enters a modest home or a village hotel where the old folks do not speak fondly of some Americans they knew who lived there and who is now either at home across the seas or in the great beyond.

## PROGRESS BEING MADE ON GASTON'S BIG FAIR

One Feature of Fair Will Be Livestock Sales—Department Directors Named at Tuesday's Meeting.

Livestock sales will be held at the Gaston County Fair on Thursday, October 23, it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the livestock department held Monday afternoon. These directors were expected to make a very interesting feature. Plans were worked out for making the livestock department one of the big features of this year's fair. Which is to be held at the department grounds over the county. This year, present at the meeting were Chairman W. J. Riddick, John F. Riddick, Tom Satterly and A. E. Wooty.

Attendance at the meeting of the department of the following department directors:

Hog Department: Arthur E. Moore, Chairman; E. M. Frazier, Secretary; S. L. Kiser, Treasurer; R. W. C. Moore, Assistant Secretary; S. W. L. Moore, John F. Riddick, Assistant Secretary; W. C. Turner, Assistant.

Cattle Department: A. Q. Kaly, High Commissioner; E. W. Ware, Mr. Holly, D. A. Strong, Treasurer; J. W. Wilson, Chairman; J. W. Strong, Stanley A. Grier, Assistant; J. A. Adolph, Dallas; J. H. White, Dallas; L. O. Harrell, son, Charlotte; Major L. E. Foster, Belmont.

Horse Department: J. P. Allen, Chairman; C. A. M. Henderson, Mr. Holly, W. N. Davis, Chairman; O. J. Ryno, Dallas; Dr. R. H. Pickett, Gastonia; M. L. Radbill, Lander; Campbell, Clarence Pasour, Dallas; A. P. Dock, Bessmer City.

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