

## Land Tax Could Be Lowered If State Took Over County Highways

Understood That Number Of Legislators Plan To Work For This.

Raleigh.—Would taxes on land in the various counties be materially reduced if the state would take over the maintenance of most of the county roads, as well as maintain the state highways?

Many advocates of lower taxes on the landowners in the counties are of the belief that state maintenance of county roads would relieve the local taxpayers of a heavy burden, and it is understood here that a number of the members of the new general assembly are planning to introduce bills to this end. Some propose to try to add another cent on the gasoline tax, and increase it from 4 to 5 cents, the proceeds from the extra cent to go to the maintenance of the county roads, while others would include all roads in the state highway system, and require the state to maintain them on its present revenue from the gasoline tax and automobile license tax.

The proponents of these plans believe that by putting county roads under state maintenance that the counties would be relieved of from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 a year in taxes now being paid on land.

However, there is considerable opposition to this plan, on the grounds that in the first place most counties have much more highway mileage than they actually need, and in the second place, that even if the state would take over additional mileage of county roads, that it would not reduce taxes, since the county commissioners would keep the tax rate up to the same point and merely spend the additional revenue for other purposes.

"It has been my observation that whenever the state takes over any portion of county expense, that instead of passing this saving

on to the taxpayers in the form of a lower tax rate, that the tax rate stays the same and that the counties merely spend this money for other purposes," said Governor A. W. McLean, when asked if he believed additional state maintenance would lighten the tax burden in the counties. "This has been true in connection with the state equalization fund for education, and with the experiment already conducted by the state highway commission in taking over additional mileage of county roads for state maintenance each year.

"For the past two years the state has been distributing \$3,250,000 a year to 90 counties as an equalizing fund, and yet this has had very little effect in reducing the school tax rates in the counties that participate in it. And in the past year or so the highway commission has taken over some 1,500 miles of county roads for state maintenance, Mr. Page tells me, yet so far there has been no perceptible decrease in the taxes in the counties where this has been done. For it seems that just as fast as the counties are relieved of expense in one direction, they find new places to expend their revenue, with the result that taxes remain at the same point, though they should be reduced."

There are many others who take the same view of the situation as does Governor McLean, and who believe that the real root of the trouble with regard to high taxes on property is in the counties, and caused by inefficient and uneconomical administration of county affairs.

Would Tickle Their Vanity.

From The Springfield Republican. Mr. Hoover assures Chile that we consider it a friend, not a rival, but is there a country that would hate being told that we considered it a rival?

## STATE WOULD GET ANOTHER SOLON

(By John A. Livingstone, in News & Observer.)

Washington.—North Carolina would gain one member of congress under reapportionment bill, which was reported to the house today, but it would not become effective until 1932 even if the bill passes at this session.

California would gain six members, Michigan four, Ohio three, Texas and New Jersey two, while Connecticut, Florida, Oklahoma and Washington would each gain one member along with North Carolina, according to the estimates made on the probable population of 1930.

Missouri would lose two members and each of the following states would lose one member: Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Senator Vandenburg has introduced a similar measure in the senate with the avowed object of expediting the passage of the bill. Word has come from the White House that President Coolidge wants it to go through. All Republican leaders are on record as favoring its passage, and it is expected to pass, but it will not mean another new member for North Carolina until after 1932.

## VIOLA GENTRY IS TO TRY ANOTHER

Martinsville, Va.—Miss Viola Gentry, whose woman's endurance flying record recently was broken by Miss Bobbie Trout of California, announced that she would attempt another endurance flight over Roosevelt Field, Long Island, on January 25.

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