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To Be or Not to Be—Taxed.

For the past few weeks The People-Sentinel has been publishing a series of interesting page advertisements signed by the "Citizens Cooperative Tax Association of South Carolina." The advertisements are being published in an effort to effect a just and equitable system of taxation in South Carolina. Such a system is probably an Utopian dream, but it is no doubt possible to at least remedy our present system.

It has been said that equalization of taxation means putting the taxes on the other fellow. There is a lot of truth in that and it would seem from the large number of real estate tax sales in the lower part of the State, that in many counties this class of taxable property is bearing about all of the burden that it can well stand. However, there are some glaring inequalities to which The People-Sentinel would like to call attention. The South Carolina Gazette, a short while ago, compiled a table showing the ratio of assessment of real property to its actual value and it was found that the property owner in Hampton County pays nearly five times the property tax that the property owner in Greenville County pays, and more than twice the tax the property owner in his neighboring county, Allendale pays. The average ratio for the 30 counties in which statistics were secured was 17.5 per cent., with Greenville the lowest, 7.6 per cent, and Hampton the highest, 36.6 per cent.

The Senator from Lancaster County is credited with the statement that recently a cotton mill in that county was sold for twice as much as all the property in the county is returned for taxation.

Merchants are required to pay on a 42 per cent. basis and we were under the impression that cotton mills and other industries were required to pay on a like basis. However, the Lancaster County incident referred to above seems to be to the contrary.

Manufacturers of soft drinks are endeavoring to have the special tax removed from their product, claiming it is destroying their business. Just how true this is, we have no means at present to determine, as comparative figures on sales before and after the law went into effect are not available. The bottlers, of course, do not pay this tax—it is paid by the consumer, as practically all taxes of this character are—and it may be true that it has caused a decrease in their sales. We would like to see some figures along that line.

Last winter, when the Legislature raised the tax on gasoline from three to five cents, dealers in that commodity were sure their business would be ruined, yet sales of gasoline in South Carolina for the first eleven months this year are ten million gallons more than for the entire 12 months of 1924.

Frankly, we have no suggestions to offer just at this time. Broadly speaking, we are for tax equalization. We do not believe it is fair for property owners in one county to pay at a ratio five times as large as property owners in another county. At the same time, we cannot see how certain classes of real estate can carry a heavier burden than it is doing at present. It may be possible to devise some method of getting thousands of dollars worth of property on the tax books that is now escaping taxation. But whatever is done, the fact that the agricultural communities of the State are hard hit at present must not be lost sight of.

Doing the Shopping.

If human nature were not what it is, the Christmas season might not be one of rush and worry over what to buy, and sales forces in stores would not be rushed to exhaustion in the three weeks before the event. If people did their shopping when it could be done under the least congested conditions, it might extend over months instead of weeks, and it would be not less seasonal.

However, none but the exceptional person thinks of doing shopping until it cannot be put off longer. Then it becomes an ordeal and is so strenuous

that it tends to rob the season of the "cheer and good will" that attach to it sentimentally. The "good will" might actually persuade the shoppers were they not overworked trying to find that they want and struggling to get it. Yet it would not be Christmas for a lot of people were it otherwise. They have become so accustomed to waiting and then making a hurry-up job, of it that they would not feel right were it done betimes.

Human nature is a peculiar thing despite the fact that all of us have it. It wouldn't be human nature if it wasn't odd. If we did everything in a reasonable and sane way we would not be human beings. We would be super-human and that is too much to expect. It is the prerogative of human beings to do as they please and of course most of us please to delay long as we can the doing of what we cannot avoid. There may be those who are forehanded in Christmas shopping but they are rare and so different from the mass that they are odd, too.

By the way, we must do our shopping pretty soon.

It Makes All Things New

While it seems impossible to say anything new on the subject of Christmas celebration, the miracle of the season is that the custom of nearly 2,000 years makes practically all things new. The aged become young again through their rejoicing in the delights of the grand-children with the things that once made their own eyes open wide in wonder—memories of their own childhood come back to them.

It is not simply a jest that papa likes to play—even though he may say it is just to test them—with the toys he buys for the youngsters. Thus while the holiday is particularly a festival for the children, emphasizing the story of the Babe in the Manger, it also has for the others its pleasures and the wider significance of that world-inspiring event in Bethlehem.

Too Much Speed.

Although many people appear to be of the contrary opinion, it is quite generally agreed that "you can't make human beings good by statute." Is it not time to conclude that neither can traffic by means different from those people be made careful by law and to attempt to reduce the perils of street traffic by means different from those that have been relied upon in the past? Just what will prove effective will have to be decided after thorough study of conditions that have grown up. It seems obvious, though, that measures of prevention rather than of punishment will yield the greater benefits.

We are now in the season when the streets are quite commonly wet and very slippery. Common sense tells us that an automobile cannot be safely driven as swiftly on wet as on dry streets. Yet too many drivers are deaf to the voice of common sense. This type changes its habits not at all when conditions favor skidding. If it avoids collisions this can be accounted for only on the ground that there is such a thing as "luck."

Of course, it is impossible to legislate sound sense into the mind of that type commonly called "sap." If we are to have the possible maximum of safety in the streets the "sap" must be legislated out of the driver's seat. This perhaps falls into the category of things "more easily said than done." The "sap" must be proved before he can be deprived of his citizen's right. The real question is, what proof shall be required?

As the laws usually are administered there is no interference with habitual menaces to life and property until they have an "accident." Little is done to prevent accidents. Hundreds of "saps" could be identified when the streets are wet by the sliding of their cars at points where they should be under perfect control. Too much speed on wet pavements is as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. Something can be done about it.

Judge's Joke
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Legal Advertisements

SHERIFF SALE.

State of South Carolina,
County of Barnwell.
THE STATE
vs.
MRS. JULIA A. BUSH

Under and by virtue of a Tax Execution to me directed by J. B. Armstrong, Treasurer of Barnwell County, I have this day levied upon and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, between the legal hours of sale in front of the Court House at Barnwell, S. C., on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1926, this being Salesday in said month, the following described real estate:

280 acres of land, in Ellenton School District, bounded on the North by lands of Steve Tutt; East by Augusta-Savannah road; West by Savannah River, and South by lands of Mrs. Mary E. Davis.

Levied upon and sold to satisfy the above Execution and Costs.
BONCIL H. DYCHES,
Sheriff, Barnwell Co.
Barnwell, S. C., 15th day of December, 1925.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of South Carolina,
County of Barnwell.
THE STATE
vs.
SAVANNAH CREECH

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"The following tracts of land located in Barnwell County and in Great Cypress Township, as shown by plat of the land made by J. N. Hankinson, Surveyor, under orders of the court in the division of the lands of Eason Cave, deceased, said plat being recorded in Book, 5-E, pages 572-574, in the office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County: Tract No. 5, containing five acres, being a part of the Kline place, bounded on the North by tract No. 6, allotted to George

Cave; East by lands of W. H. Johnson and Anna Hogg; South by tract No. 4, allotted to Salina Beacon and on the West by the Southern Railroad. Also Tract No. 5 on the Western side of the railroad and being a part of the Kline Place and containing five and one-half acres, and bounded as follows: North by Tract No. 6, allotted to Lula Cave; on the East by a street; on the South by tract No. 4, allotted to John Johnson, and on the West by lands of B. M. Jenkins. Also Tract No. 4, containing ten acres, and being a part of the Farrell tract, bounded on the North by Tract No. 5, allotted to George Cave; East by land of William Connelly and Creech; South by Tract No. 3, allotted to Henrietta Cave, and on West by lands of Liza Cave. Also Tract No. 4, of the Morris tract, containing ten acres, and bounded as follows: On the North by Tract No. 5, allotted to Henry Cave; East by lands of Eliza Cave, and South by Tract No. 3, allotted to George Cave, and on the West by lands of Charles Pechman. The above described lands being my share set aside to me by the Commissioners in the division of the lands of my father, Eason Cave."

Levied upon and sold to satisfy the above Execution and Costs.
BONCIL H. DYCHES,
Sheriff, B. C.
Barnwell, S. C., 15th day of December 1925.

Notice of Dissolution of Corporation

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the W. D. Harley Motor Co., Inc., of Barnwell, S. C., will be held at the office of W. D. Harley, at Barnwell, S. C., on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1925, at eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering dissolving said corporation and surrendering its charter to the Secretary of State, etc.
W. H. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Nov. 24, 1925.

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Barnwell County Fair Association will be held at the office of W. D. Harley, at Barnwell, S. C., on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1925, at eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering dissolving said corporation and surrendering its charter to the Secretary of State, etc.
W. H. DUNCAN,
Acting Secretary

Nov. 24, 1925.

NOTICE!

Taxes due the Town of Barnwell, if not paid on or before December 15, 1925, will be subject to a two per cent. penalty, and after January 1, 1926, a penalty of five per cent. will be attached.
By order of the Town Council.
IRA FALES, Clerk.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons indebted to the estate of J. L. Buist will make payment to the undersigned administratrix and any and all persons, if any, holding claims against the estate of J. L. Buist will file them, duly itemized and verified with the undersigned at Blackville, S. C.

Mrs. Lenna Buist,
Administratrix.
Ninestein & Baxley,
Attorneys for Admx.
Dec. 9, 1925.

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Place:	Acreage:	Duncannon Place	1650
L. W. Tilly	200	Mrs. Jane R. Patterson	1000
Sue Ford	130	Fannie Chitty	133
Allen Eubanks	130	J. M. Weathersbee	572
Joe McCreary	200	Billie Jenkins	60
Harriett Hutson	175	Jesse Middleton	300
H. D. Calhoun	487	J. W. Newton	245
J. M. Easterling	860	Estate H. A. Patterson	2000
W. H. Duncan	405	Joseph E. Dicks	800
F. H. Creech	45	R. C. Holman	200
Mrs. Kate M. Patterson	2500	A. A. Richardson	2000
Mrs. Annie P. Easterling	562	Lemon Bros.,	150
B. C. Norris	130	S. B. Moseley	80
Daniel Tilly	200	Mrs. Lena Davies	96

G. ARTHUR EVANS,

Manager.

Barnwell, S. C.,
November 23, 1925.



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