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### COMMUNICATED

Mr. Editor:

Will you please allow me space in your paper to explain in part to the public what occasioned the correspondence published by you in last week's issue.

It was my purpose when elected as one of the peoples representatives to guard their interest and as I stated on every stump in the county that if elected I would see that there was a change in the county's affairs and especially would I endeavor to correct a lame feature in the road law to wit: I would see that the road tax would be expended on the roads in the several townships from which it was collected, and prepared a bill and introduced same and I am proud that it met with approval of the entire delegation so there was not a single amendment offered to it.

Now just as soon as the auditor and county officers found that it had become a law it was discussed freely by them, and upon their opinion the auditor proceeded at once to refuse to list the returns for the road tax from the people that applied at his office, and when my attention was called to it, on investigating found that he was making up his records for the treasurer to collect taxes by, and refusing to enter up the road returns on it without even consulting authority on the matter, knowing that about one-fourth of the county revenue would be lost.

Now when I get straight behind him he then can go to authority, and the result is he will have to enter those returns up but to my life I can't see how he will be able to get those persons on that he absolutely refused to take their returns.

I will not at this time give the reasons for this most deplorable predicament, but I must believe it is nothing more or less than one of those mysterious moves of the politician.

Below is a copy of the law in question and the opinion of the attorney general's on same and the people of Clarendon county can see who has played the dickens.

Calendar No. 371

Introduced by Mr. W. W. Johnson.

Printer's No. 273—Z. House.

The Clarendon Delegation,

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 371)

to provide for a commutation or road tax for Clarendon county, respectfully

Report:

That they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass

W. W. Johnson,

J. H. Lesesne,

M. H. Mellett,

Clarendon Delegation in the House.

H. B. No. 371. In the House of Representatives. Read the first time January 31, 1917.

A BILL.

To Provide for a Commutation or Road Tax for Clarendon County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. That all able-bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five, both inclusive, in the county of Clarendon county, shall be required annually to pay a commutation or road tax of three dollars, except ministers of the Gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in the public schools, school trustees, and all students who may be attending any school or college at the time when the commutation tax hereinbefore provided for shall become due: Provided, That any person claiming exemption from the provisions of this Act on the ground of physical disability, where such disability is not apparent, shall be required to produce a certificate of disability from a regular practicing physician of Clarendon county, dated within the month before the application: Provided, All money collected from the commutation tax shall be expended in the township from which it is collected: And provided, further, That all persons liable to the

payment of commutation tax shall be permitted to perform six full days' labor in lieu of the payment of said tax.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the county Supervisor and Board of County Commissioners to divide the townships of Clarendon county into suitable sections in each of the several townships in said county, and shall appoint an overseer of roads for each of said sections. They shall also assign the persons liable to road duty into convenient and suitable squads or companies, and assign a squad or company to each overseer of a section, assigning the road hands, as far as practicable, to the nearest roads. They shall require the overseer of roads to call out the hands assigned to their respective sections, and work the roads, and repair and build bridges of same, whenever they may deem it necessary, after twelve hours' notice. The Supervisor shall cause overseers, when working sections in which there are bridges, to preserve and keep them in order, as are in their opinion of such character as not to require to be given out under contract, and can conveniently be done by the road hands: Provided, Any person liable to perform labor hereunder shall have the right to furnish instead a competent substitute, or with the consent of the overseer, instead of labor, to furnish stock, wagons or machinery, the use of which is of equal value: Provided, further, Ten hours a day shall be a day's work.

Sec. 3. It will be unlawful for any overseer to perform or cause labor to be performed on any roads not public highways.

Sec. 4. Any person warned to perform any labor upon the public roads and highways under any provisions of this chapter, shall by himself or suitable substitute, who shall not be under the age of sixteen years, appear at the time and place appointed by the overseer at the hour of seven o'clock in the forenoon, and shall bring with him such necessary tools and implements used on a farm as the overseer may direct.

Sec. 5. For the purpose provided for in the preceding section the residence of any person who has a family shall be held to be where his family resides, and the residence of any person without a family shall be held to be where he boards or may be found.

Sec. 6. In case any person shall remove from one county to another, or from one township in the same county, or one district to another in the same township, who has prior to such removal performed the whole or any part of the labor aforesaid, or in any other way has paid the whole or any part of the amount aforesaid in lieu of such labor, and shall produce a certificate of the same from the overseer of the proper district, such certificate shall be a complete discharge for the amount therein specified.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the overseers to warn out the hands liable to road duty, and to superintend the work of said hands; and for superintending said work the said overseers shall be paid at the rate of not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day: Provided, That said overseer shall not work the public roads with less than ten hands at any one time; that said overseer may warn the road hands in person, or appoint some suitable person liable to road duty on his road as a warner, and such person so acting as warner shall be exempt from road duty for the time he acts as warner.

Sec. 8. Any person liable to road duty under this Act and refusing to perform such work under the requirements of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof by any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, or be confined at hard labor upon the public works of said county for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to keep in his office a separate account with each township, listing the name of each person in the several townships that pays his commutation tax: And provided, further, That the County Treasurer shall prior to April 1st of each year make a report in duplicate to the County Supervisor of the total amount of commutation tax received from each township and the names of each person who has paid said tax.

Sec. 10. That this Act shall take effect December 31, 1917.

Sec. 11. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Yours truly,  
W. W. Johnson.

May 15, 1917.

Hon. W. W. Johnson,  
Alcolu, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation in the office yesterday in which you requested me to advise you as to the effect of the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature to provide for a commutation or road tax in Clarendon County in lieu of the tax now provided by the Acts of 1914 and 1915, I beg to advise that the Act of 1917 does not take effect until the 31st day of December next and until that time persons liable to perform road duty are required to pay the tax of \$2.00 per annum fixed by the Act of 1915. In case they fail to do so within the time prescribed for the collection of taxes, that is, before December 31st, next, they are then liable to indictment and punishment as for a misdemeanor.

These parties cannot be indicted for failure to pay the tax before the 31st of next December, when the time allowed them to pay expires, and on the date the new law fixing the road tax at \$3.00 takes effect. Both the old law and the new law provide for the payment of a road tax and it was clearly not the intention of the Legislature that the mere change in the amount of tax to be paid should release persons liable to such tax from paying the tax fixed by the prior law for the year 1917.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that if the Act of 1917 conforms to the Bill shown me and returned herewith, the Courts may construe it as not repealing the provisions of the prior law which subjected persons failing to pay the commutation tax of \$2.00 during the year 1917 to fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars, or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, imposed upon them by the Act of 1914, should they fail to pay the \$2.00 tax due during the year 1917.

While the language of the Act of 1917 repeals all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent therewith, there is no such inconsistency between the new and former law as would operate as a repealing of the provisions of the former law for the punishment of those failing to pay the tax fixed by it during the year 1917.

I think that the Courts will sustain this construction of the two Acts and that persons failing to pay the road tax of \$2.00 a year during 1917 will be liable to punishment during the year 1918 for failure to pay the \$2.00 tax during the year 1917 and before December 31, 1917.

I think it would be well to publish this letter in your County papers in order that persons liable to road tax may know their status and be warned against failure to pay the road tax required of them this year.

Yours very truly,  
Thos. H. Peoples,  
Attorney General.

HAIL INCH IN DIAMETER

Georgetown, May 28.—One of the heaviest hail storms, of short duration, recalled by the proverbial oldest inhabitants passed over Georgetown about 5 o'clock this afternoon, breaking window panes in a number of residences and damaging to some extent gardens and truck farms. Its radius extended but a few miles beyond the city limits and no great damage to crops is reported. The hail stones measured over an inch in diameter and remained on the streets like snow for several minutes.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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### MEETINGS OF THE DIFFERENT DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

DuRant Home Demonstration Club.

The DuRant Home Demonstration Club met with the Vice President, Mrs. J. C. DuRant, Sr., May 16th. Very few were out but the meeting was very interesting. Discussed the Bulletin on "Community Sanitation" and stressed the Short Course for Women which is to be held at Winthrop College in June. Much interest is felt in the Club work.

Next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. C. DuRant, Junior.

Mrs. James Reaves, Sec.

Harvin Home Demonstration Club.

The Harvin's Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Genie Nettles, May 15th.

The President called the meeting to order in regular form. There were two visitors present, Mrs. E. S. Ervin and Mrs. E. C. Dickson of Manning. There were ten members present, the roll was responded to with quotations. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Community Sanitation was the topic.

Miss Richardson gave us very good instructions and advice on a good many subjects, especially on flies, mosquitoes, providing pure water for the homes and how to keep the yards, stables and all out buildings in a sanitary condition. Miss Richardson then asked that we get our Pastor to preach on Health one Sunday. She also suggested that we have a Clean-Up-Day.

The annual County Demonstration meeting will be held in Manning on 14th, 15th and 16th of June. Saturday the 16th will be especially for the women and each member was urged to attend. On account of this Miss Richardson can not be with us in June.

Miss Richardson also stressed the Short Course for Home Demonstration Workers which Winthrop College is offering to 100 women in the thirty six counties having the Home Demonstration Work, under the instruction of Winthrop College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Each organized county shall send two women and the counties having the largest enrollments shall send three. The women shall be selected by the following score card.

1. Applying Demonstration Methods in the Home 50 points
    - a. Gardening and Canning.
    - b. Cooking breads, vegetables, meats.
    - c. Poultry.
    - d. Farm butter making.
    - e. Labor saving devices.
  2. Caring Demonstration to others - - - - - 50 points
  3. Attendance - - - - - 50 points
- There being no further business the meeting adjourned with motto prayer.

Mrs. E. D. Hodge, Sec.

Sardinia Home Demonstration Club.

The Sardinia Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting in the school building, May 18th, 1917, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. T. M. McCutchen. A number of visitors were present and added much interest to the meeting by giving some helpful suggestions. The President called on Miss Richardson Demonstration Agent, to take charge of the program, the subject being "Community Sanitation." The usual printed program was followed and many splendid points brought out during the discussion. The Club is planning to have a real Clean-Up-Day at an early date.

One interesting feature of the afternoon was a beautiful display of dishes and kitchen utensils, which had been selected by Miss Richardson for the Club Kitchen. The Club was delighted with the selection and we hope soon to have a separate room for the kitchen.

Miss Richardson presented to her plan for a Short Course in Canning and Drying of Fruits and Vegetables, etc., to be held in Manning June 14, 15 and 16th. She urged the Club Members to attend and they are hoping to do so.

The reports of work done by Club Members since last October were called for. Also the Course at Winthrop explained.

Miss Lottie Woods, Sec.  
Mrs. J. N. McCord, (Acting).

Edwin August, who directed "The Badge of Shame," in which the World Film Corporation will present Clara Kimball Young at The Pastime Theatre on next Friday night, also plays the role opposite the famous star and his work both as director and actor has so impressed the World Film heads that Mr. August has been given a long term contract at one of the biggest salaries ever paid a director.

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### KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Bishopville, May 27.—The usual quiet of the country Sabbath was rudely broken into today and the whole country shocked when it became known that in an automobile accident, which had befallen the car of Mr. James E. D. McCutchen, Sr., his wife had lost her life and Mr. McCutchen himself and his only daughter, Minnie, had sustained injuries and shock that it is feared may prove fatal to both, especially to Mr. McCutchen, who is nearly seventy years old.

The accident happened while returning from services at old Mount Zion Church. Making a sharp turn in the road the front wheels ran into a hole or washout and this caused the car to turn turtle. The shock was so great that Mrs. McCutchen died almost instantly. Mr. McCutchen is suffering from shock and it is feared that the daughter, who was driving, and was pinned under the motor is suffering from internal injuries which may prove fatal.

### THEY DECIDED TO GO TO AMERICA

In the meanwhile her uncle finds her and the two decide to escape to America just as Vassili enters. The uncle hurriedly disrobes and when Vassili accuses her of not leading an immoral life she opens the door of her bedroom and shows him her uncle lying in the bed. Baffled, Vassili leaves and Sonia and her uncle hurriedly prepare their flight.

### MEN IN DRAFT AGE LIMIT

Washington, May 26.—By a Census Bureau estimate today classifying the more than ten million men within the military draft age limit, the number of single men is placed at 5,372,400 and the number of married at 4,545,000.

The estimate was prepared on a basis of a normal increase in population since the 1910 census and on the assumption that the ratio between the married and single men is the same as at that time.

The classification by chief occupations is given as follows: Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry, 2,864,000; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 3,036,000; no gainful occupations, 500,500; transportation, 967,000; trade, 1,054,000; public service, 441,000; professional service, 335,000; clerical occupations, 374,000; extraction of minerals, 364,000.

The government, it has been stated, will not exempt any particular class of industry from conscription, but will deal with cases individually. Individuals, however, whose work is considered necessary to preserve an economic balance, will be exempted. Nearly every line of industry, it is said, has appealed to the War Department for exemption for its workers.

Some few classifications are not included in the figures.

In one scene of "The Badge of Shame," in which the World Film Corporation presents the peerless Clara Kimball Young at The Pastime Theatre on next Friday night, there is a thrilling realistic reproduction of the Jewish massacre at Kiev, Russia, by the Cossacks.

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As information we wish to advise that the following conventions have been booked up to date to be held at Wrightsville Beach during the month of June.

Laundry Association of the Carolinas, June 11-12th.

Independent Order of Red Men of North Carolina, June 13th-15th.

North Carolina Bankers' Association, June 19th-21st.

Hardware Association of North and South Carolina, June 19th-21st.

Southern Textile Association, June 22nd, 23rd.

North Carolina Baptist Chautauqua, or Assembly, June 27th-29th.

We take pleasure in advising further, notwithstanding the reports and rumors to the contrary, that Wrightsville Beach will be open this season as in former years; that the government has not made any restrictions whatsoever as to illuminating the beach; that the hotels and "Lumina" will be open to the public as heretofore; that material improvements have been made in hotel accommodations and attractions, and in many respects the beach season promises to be more attractive than heretofore.

Kindly give the above facts as much publicity as possible and thereby aid in justly counteracting the erroneous rumors referred to.

T. C. WHITE,  
General Passenger Agent.

W. J. CRAIG,  
Passenger Traffic Manager.