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To the Taxpayers of Fayette County

For the purpose of correcting the false impression which prevails in some parts of your County that the rate of taxation will not be reduced as the assessment is increased, I beg to submit to you statement showing approximately what your State and County rate will be for 1920.

Based on the value of real estate, established by proof throughout the State, and upon the estimated value of personal property and railroad and public utility property, the assessment for the whole State for 1920 should exceed \$2,600,000,000, and your State rate will be reduced to 25 cents and perhaps lower.

Your County rate in 1919 was.....	\$ 1.40
The total assessment for your County in 1919 was in round numbers about.....	5,647,100
The total assessment for your County based on the proven value of real estate and estimated assessment of personal property and railroads should be about.....	20,812,100
Based on these estimates, your County rate for 1920 should not exceed for all County purposes.....	.38
Making your total State and County rate for 1920.....	.68
As compared with a total State and County rate for 1919 of.....	2.10

Your county court will not fix the County tax rate definitely in your County until the State Board has completed its work and your rate will then be fixed on the new assessment. Your County rate should be reduced by your County Court in exactly the same proportion that the assessment is increased. The work of the State Board of Equalization in assessing all property at actual cash value will not increase your County taxes one dollar. This statement is being issued that you may be definitely assured that the rate of taxation will be reduced as the assessment is increased.

You will understand that we are going to do all in our power to put personal property on the tax books and we are now making an energetic investigation of the property of all corporations. We know that the increases in the value of these classes of property will be enormous. To illustrate, we have proof in our office now fixing a valuation on the property of one corporation of over \$8,300,000 which was assessed in 1919 at about \$275,000, or about 3 per cent of its value. We are now valuing the property of another corporation which was assessed in 1919 at \$250,000. This corporation has already consented to a \$5,000,000 assessment. We have not yet consented to this assessment, for we believe that our completed proof will show that it is worth more money. The home owners of your County have been paying practically all the taxes of these two gigantic corporations. We are going to give you a square deal and you should not be disturbed by a misunderstanding of the law or by false statements about its effect.

Yours very truly,
A. V. LOUTHAN
Chief Statistician.

The above communication comes from

the chief Tax Statistician at Nashville and The Falcon is glad to give it space. They do not sound much like statements said to have been sent the Tax Assessor of several counties in which it is stated the statistician instructed assessors that they might as well use the figures fixed by the state to begin with as the State Board expected to place final assessments on those figures regardless of the valuations of county assessors. It has appeared since these statements went out that county assessors might just as well be abolished and the work placed entirely upon the state men. The statement above and the one published last week seems to carry the idea that the authority of the county assessor is in no wise affected by the new law and he should go ahead and fix his figures regardless of the figures sent him by the state authorities. It certainly does look like one or the other is a useless wheel on the tax wagon, if both are doing the same work. The Falcon has not yet ceased to be uneasy about the operation of the law under a system of calling in private citizens from each district with no official obligation and who never saw the property being valued and who give an opportunity to give vent to personal animosity in valuations as was the case in some cases. It is not the inequality in valuations. Why a farm with no buildings at \$106 per acre and one with better land and among the best buildings in the county a stone's throw away, but which happens to belong to one of the state's advisors, at \$40 per acre?

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 through 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.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, Etc.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Notice

The dancing young men of Somerville will give a select dance at Lipsey Opera House on Friday, February 6. There will be no invitations sent to guests in Somerville but those attending from other places will kindly present invitations at the door.

Respectfully
COMMITTEE

Chronic Constipation.

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels without it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

Moscow.

The reason why many people think the world is growing worse instead of better is because the daily papers print the worse side of life most of the time. Sin is considered news while goodness is so common it is not given the publicity that sin is. There is much good about us that we generally pass unnoticed and likely are unappreciated of. Let us look for the good in mankind and ourselves do our part in character building.

Miss Nona Hood of Tunica is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Rich. J. B. Summers of Maddox & Summers Insurance Agents of Somerville was a business caller Monday.

Dr. John Parr and daughter, Elizabeth of Collierville were Friday visitors with Mrs. Jennie Wheeler.

Miss Mildred Roach is in Lewisburg Tenn.

The largest Bible in the world weighing nearly a ton, has been sent from England to this country. It required 300 goat skins to provide the cover.

Harry Davis of Memphis is visiting local relatives here this week.

Miss Lucille Wilburn of La Grange attended the dance in Chambers Hall Friday night.

Miss Ibee Elch spent the Sabbath with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rich. The earth weighs 9,000,000,000,000,000,000, so it has been said.

If all of us would stand up at all times for truth and honesty as did Peter of old, what a different and better world this would be.

Dolly Burnett the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burnett of Memphis spent the week end with local friends.

R. H. Bryant and Bedford Mason spent Sunday in Memphis.

Miss Ethel Alice Hood was a Monday shopper in Memphis.

Elwin Waller of Knoxville and Bryan Bobbit of Memphis were recent callers.

One of the most useful things Moscow has is the town pump which is and has been for sometime, completely out of commission. This is another opportunity for the newly elected officials to do a good deed.

What Mrs. Brenninger, of New York Says About Rat Poison

Tried preparations that kill rats, but Rat-Snap is the only one that prevents disagreeable odors after killing. Also like Rat-Snap because it comes in handy cakes, no mixing with other food. You don't have to dirty your hands, it's the best for household use. Try Rat-Snap. Three sizes, 25, 50, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by G. W. Locke, Rhea Drug Co., and W. S. Shinault. Adv

County Agent Owens Goes to Arkansas

After completing two years of highly successful work as farm demonstrator at Somerville, Fayette county, Tennessee, W. A. "Bill" Owens has just resigned to take up county agent work in Poinsett county, Arkansas. Mr. Owens who is a graduate of the Agricultural course from the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, has taught the farmers of Fayette County the profits to be derived from diversification, and has added greatly to the improvement of livestock, to the increased uses of legumes, as soy beans and cowpeas, has taught his farmers to grow their own feed and food crops, and to plant home orchards and gardens.

The chief contribution to his county however, was the introduction of co-operative shipping. Beginning with a co-operative carload of hogs in March 1919, on which he made a profit for his farmers above the home price of \$633.60 Mr. Owens shipped during the rest of the year a total of 36 cars containing 25617 head, bringing into the farmers of his county \$46,989.16. The net profit above the local price was \$7,163.58. Several of Mr. Owens' shipments were made to the Rafferty-Vieman Commission Company at the Dixie National Stock Yards in Memphis. Mr. Owens expects to ship much stock from Poinsett Arkansas during the coming year.—C

For the Children,

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effective in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has shown that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers. Adv

County Road Work for 1920

At a meeting of the highway commission held here Wednesday the working of the public roads of the county for the present year was discussed from every angle. There were present magistrates, road commissioners and citizens from several districts to discuss the road work in their respective districts. They came on the invitation of the Highway Commission for that purpose and to let the commission know how they wanted their several districts handled this year. The result was a decision to work by contract several districts as stated in an announcement by the Commission in another column asking for bids for the work.

The Commission gave each district, as far as possible, the opportunity of deciding how its roads should be worked, and where satisfactory bids can be secured it was stated the Commission would let contracts for the work. It is proposed to pay these contract prices out of the wheel tax fund in the district where collected, the commutation money in the district where collected and the contractor has the advantage of the road hands in the district. These funds make possible the payment of reasonable prices for the contracts offered, and in this issue the Commission is advertising for bids. This does not mean that the system now in force is to be abandoned in any district. All the work, that under contract and that not under contract is under the direction and supervision of the Highway Commission, and when found necessary the road crew under the County Supervisor will undertake levee and road work in any of the districts. The U. S. Government has allotted to this county three more trucks, one large one like those already received here and two smaller trucks of one ton capacity. That will give the Supervisor five trucks and the tractors bought last year and these with the county's other equipment, will constitute a good collection of road building machinery and will set the Supervisor and his crews in good shape to accomplish things in road building and repairs.

The Commission has received from Nashville a map of the roads approved by the State Commission for being constructed under the recent bond issue. They are the State Line road across the south end of the county, the Bristol Highway across the corner of the county, the Stage road thru the county west to east and direct to Jackson by way of Whiteville by a direct route, and the north and south road from Moscow to Stanton. The map marks out these as the routes approved by the State Commission and it is taken settles the several routes definitely. The Commission has displayed the map in the window of Rhea Drug Company where it can be seen by any citizen. The Commission was handicapped last year in getting a late start and in the terribly destructive rains thru the spring and summer. It is expected that they will accomplish far better results this year under the more favorable circumstances that they face at this time.

Dollars and Cents.

Counting it only in dollars and cents how much did that last cold cost you? A man may not always stop work when he has a cold, but perhaps it would be better if he did. It takes about ten days to get completely rid of a cold under the usual treatment. That time can be much shortened by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and proper care of yourself, in fact, a bottle of this remedy in the house is a mighty good investment during the winter and spring months. Adv

L. A. Richardson New Live Stock Specialist

L. A. Richardson, who has been assistant livestock specialist at the Division of Extension, University of Tennessee, has been appointed to fill the position of specialist. Up to February 1 this position was filled by R. M. Murphy. Mr. Murphy has resigned to go with the American Shorthorn Breeder's Association. He has been with the Division in this capacity since its organization in 1914.

Mr. Richardson came to the Division of Extension about a year ago from West Virginia, where he was engaged in the same work in that State. He is a graduate of the University of Ohio.

Mr. Richardson is well known to livestock breeders throughout the State due to his experience as assistant livestock specialist.

Agricultural Short Course Great Success

The 20th annual short course in agriculture which is being held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a great success. It is well attended and instructors say that the interest is splendid in all classes. The instructors consist of members from the faculty of the University, specialists from the Division of Extension and members of the Experiment Station, with out of town speakers who come to the University to give lectures on special subjects. Every subject is taken up in the course that deals with practical agriculture in Tennessee.

The students are enrolled from Kentucky, Mississippi, Virginia, New York and all parts of Tennessee. One very noticeable fact is the range in age of the students. They range from high school boys and girls of fourteen and fifteen years of age, to much older men and women. The fact is very plain that good farmers never consider themselves too old to learn. Others are starting the young farm girls and boys along the right lines early in life.

The course has had plenty of good speakers and many pleasures have been mixed in with it. Mrs. Lockhart entertained all members of the course and the instructors, the women gave a dinner at Tennessee Hall for the women instructors. In addition to purely social affairs the short trips made to nearby farms, dairies, and packing houses, all of which are highly instructive to the students have been very enjoyable socially. The members were enabled to become well acquainted. The women made a very interesting trip to Straw Plains to visit and look over the club house there. It is an excellent example of a community club. Miss Mayne Parrot has practically made the club what it is thru her own work and at her own expense. However, the county home demonstration agent, Miss Ruble has, always been ready with advice and help for Miss Parrott. The State does not possess a better, modern community club.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Sold by Price Drug Company. Adv

Two Cars of Grain

In a Connecticut town, recently two cars of grain were being unloaded on the siding; one by the co-operative association, and the other by the local dealer. The farmers unloading from the co-operative association car were paying, for identically the same brand of grain, seven dollars per ton less than the farmers unloading from the dealer's car. The only difference was that the farmers paid cash to the co-operative association, and from the dealer they secured thirty day's credit. The farmers paid seven dollars for the use of sixty dollars for one month. This was interest at the rate of twelve per cent per month or one hundred and forty four per cent per year.

Instances of this kind are interesting in that they help explain the growth of farmer's co-operative enterprises in some sections.

Fayette's State Tax Increased By New Law

According to figures given out at Nashville last Monday by the State Tax Statistician, the real estate in Fayette county under the new law is valued at \$16,556,100 and the rate will be 25 cents on the \$100. Under this plan Fayette county will send to the state treasury at Nashville each year in taxes for the state government \$41,390.25. Under the old valuations the real estate was assessed at \$3,921,600 and the state rate was 70 cents on the \$100. This county then has been paying \$27,451.90 in taxes to the State.

The difference between \$27,451.90 that the county has been paying and the \$41,390.25 that owners of real estate will pay this year to the state is in round number, \$14,000 and that is about what it will cost Fayette county land owners to operate under the new tax law, so far as the state is concerned. And as The Falcon has predicted from the beginning, we may expect the county taxes to increase in dollars and cents in about the same proportion as has the state's taxes as shown above.

Periodic Bilious Attacks.

Persons subject to periodic bilious attacks will observe that their appetite fails them just before an attack. That is they do not really crave food but eat because it is meal time. If they will eat only a light meal and no meat, then take two of Chamberlain's Tablets the attack may be avoided. Adv

Battleship Tennessee Testimonial

It is a time-honored custom, fittingly observed without exception, upon the launching of a new battleship, for the citizens of the State in whose honor the battleship is named, to present some suitable gift or token on the occasion. The new Superdreadnaught Tennessee is about to be launched, and it is the purpose of the Navy Department to recruit its complement entirely among Tennesseans. This fact makes it all the more becoming that the citizens of Tennessee should bestow upon its namesake a gift that will mean something to the personnel of the Officers and Crew.

The Silver Service from the old Battleship Tennessee is to be turned over to the new boat, so that the Testimonial that our citizens will present cannot take the form of a silver service, but will—at the recommendation of Capt. R. H. Leigh, in command of the new Tennessee—take shape in a fund to be raised throughout the State, approximately \$30,000, to \$35,000, which fund will be used, at Captain Leigh's direction, in behalf of the morale and for the entertainment and instruction of his Crew.

This is an admirable gift—a gift in perpetuity, good for all time and a gift in which every one of us, who have a proper pride in the old State will rejoice in participating.

Fayette's quota \$900.00. Send contributions to Dr. John Morris.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by PRICE DRUG CO. Adv

To My Friends

It is with pleasure I announce my connection as cashier of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company effective February 1 and I invite you to transact your banking with me. Thanking you for past favors and assuring you of the pleasure it will give me to serve you here at any time, I am

Most Cordially Yours
H. P. Stainback, Cashier

Somerville Bank & Trust Co.

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I am glad to announce that I have been elected President of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company and assumed active duties in the management of its affairs. I have resigned the vice-presidency of the Fayette County Bank and as a Director and member of the Discount Committee of that institution and am giving my fullest efforts to the interests of my new connections. I shall be glad to have the support and business of my friends throughout the county.

Very Truly
W. M. Mayo, President

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