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"Don't Just Lie There!"

Reporter On Assignment

The Assignment: Although the special tax committee appointed to study the inadequate personal property tax system has not made any definite recommendations...

And The Report:

By ANN SAWYER Charlotte News Staff Writer SEVERAL members of the five-man tax study committee feel that the personal property tax costs more to collect than it is worth...

At that time, the committee questioned the legality of abolishing the personal property tax and deferred making any recommendations until more information could be gathered on the tax system...

The percentage plan was discussed before some members of the committee said they favored abolishing the tax. Another meeting will not be held until the tax office is able to finish compiling figures the committee needs...

Section 3 of Article V of the Constitution provides that the power of taxation shall be exercised in a just and equitable manner...

It is unlikely Mr. Poe said, that the Supreme Court would uphold an act that would put all the tax burden on the real estate owner...

The Constitution (Article V, Section 3) also specifies that personal property tax shall be levied on the basis of the fair market value...

Congressmen, et Groups Make Their Wants Known

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY WASHINGTON LEGISLATION to be increased benefits to the nation's disabled veterans is being poured into the hopper of both Houses of the 82nd Congress...

Approximately 300 members of Congress are veterans, CQ said. The Veterans Administration medical program is expected to provide one of the battles of the 82nd Congress...

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Chairman Edith North Rogers (R-Ind.) of the House Appropriations Committee both have called for an enlarged program of medical aid for veterans...

Without the quarters allowance, I can only give my wife \$150 a month to pay for our four children's education...

"I wonder how the people could afford to pay for the milk that they are getting out of their dairies...

"Last Christmas, they had to decorate the tree for us on the exact date that it would bring Christmas to the rest of the folks in the neighborhood...

Answer—I have taken up your problem personally with Max. Gen. Thomas Hickey, the commanding general at Ft. Bragg...

GOVERNOR UMSTEAD CHARTS A BOLD COURSE

GOVERNOR UMSTEAD'S budget message, calling for expenditures far beyond the \$637 million proposed for the biennium by the Advisory Budget Commission...

Yet Bill Umstead, who is no spendthrift, believes the needs are urgent—so urgent that the gamble must be taken. Furthermore, he is willing effectively to increase taxes by removing some sales tax exemptions...

The Governor also asked that an additional \$15 million in bonds be issued by the Legislature, without a vote of the people.

LET'S ABOLISH THESE TWO TAXES

OUR Miss Sawyer's report on Mecklenburg's personal property tax system, elsewhere on this page today, points out more a fact painfully felt by honest taxpayers and other officials...

The defects of the present tax system are many. It permits the dishonest taxpayer, who is not his personal property at value, to pay no tax at all...

THE LAND GRANT 'MYTH'

A NEW controversy, which we're happy to jump into, has come to light. The railroads, it seems, are mad at the historians.

In the interest of history we present the railroads' case, as detailed in Semaphore, the magazine of the P. & N. Railroad.

Well, we can't get too excited about the running battle between the railroads, on one hand, and the truckers and air lines on the other.

And who knows? ... Maybe, some years hence, the subsidy of these two great transportation systems may turn out to be just wise and modern.

Sometimes we have to stand back and take a deep breath to realize how far we have come in a little more than a quarter of a century.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication at the discretion of the Editor.

UFE Program Commended

I HEARTILY approve, and commend to our legislators for favorable action, the five-point program the United Forces for Education has presented to the General Assembly...

With special emphasis on an increase in the pay of our teachers, it seems to me this program is a must if we are to properly educate our children in the future.

The Rosenbergs Should Burn

NO one knew exactly what had happened. There had only been the deafening blast and suddenly it seemed the whole town was afire.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE background details have been told, but President Eisenhower held a dramatic meeting just before his first press conference...

Quote, Unquote

Coming In Which Firm Disapproval is Voiced Concerning An Obnoxious Human Trait: I grant no longitude or latitude to folks indulging in high latitude—Atlanta Journal.

Democratic Slump

EISENHOWER'S notes also pointed out the "stocks of commodities owned by Commodity Credit Corporation and listed the amount of butter, corn and wheat piled up in government storehouses."

"Price support programs have been administered. There have been heavy purchases of dairy products and large quantities of corn and wheat have been under loan. OPS interference with prices and grading of cattle has been removed."

"I wonder how the people could afford to pay for the milk that they are getting out of their dairies..."

GI Mailbag

HUNDRED of letters pour into this column from servicemen around the globe...

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