

Proposed Tax On Real Estate Unfair

NO MATTER how well they are braced for North Carolina's new tax program, some Tar Heels are going to emit loud and profane cries when it hits. Somebody has to be hurt, it seems. The task of the General Assembly is to spread the pain as fairly and reasonably as possible.

The tax—levied against the seller—would most certainly be passed on to the buyer. Thus, the effect of the measure would be to increase the price of real estate in North Carolina, making it tougher for low income people to become home owners.

Dixie Shrugs Off An Economic Chain

THAT long, shrug of relief came from Dixie's hard-pressed textile industry this week. It echoed out of the mill belts when a federal judge ruled invalid the nationwide setting of minimum wages for textile mills undertaking government contracts.

In the South, where the cost of living is less than in the North, the wage scales were unrealistic. But now England has been watching its textile business sagging south since World War II. It needed a stopper, Uncle Sam provided it—almost.

Old Machinery In Need Of Repairs

WITH commendable unanimity, Charlotte's City Council decided to throw its full weight behind Rep. Clyde Shriver's home rule bill yesterday. After some December doubts ("How in the world can home rule benefit us?"), councilmen are apparently convinced now that most local matters should be locally decided.

tutional amendments. But it will clear the way for the adoption of "home rule charters," perhaps relieving the General Assembly of the necessity of passing hundreds of local, private and special acts every two years.

The Price & How It Got That Way

MAYBE we are old-fashioned, but we like to know where the money is going when it is splunked down on the tax collector's barrowhead. City Councilmen informally endorsed a proposed amendment yesterday which would eliminate detailed delineation of tax levies on Charlotte's printed tax bills.

included on a separate slip and inserted in the envelopes along with tax bills. "Could" is too tentative. "Shall" is a better word.

A Question Of Who Is In Charge

THERE is no ground swell yet but some waves are forming. Support is reportedly growing in several quarters for both an airport authority and a water authority.

of the City Council's authority, that is—for what we believe are substantial reasons. Sometimes they work fine. But sometimes they don't.

From The Wall Street Journal

THE DIPLOMACY OF FISHING

THIS is the time of year and this is the sort of day when the soundness of the line is tested, the feathered lure undergoes inspection and the man of the house gets the look in his eye that reflects his intent as surely as the still pool does the overhanging tree where last summer's big trout rose.

of handling luggage, though in different tongues. Minister of Fisheries James Frazier recently told his countrymen that while on the whole Canadians were honest folk "sports fishermen grow careless with the truth when reporting the number and size of catches to their friends or to the government. Surely this is as true of German, French, Malayan or Eskimo fishermen—or of Americans.

A Meteorological Mystery: Is The Climate Changing?

By E. H. LANDSBERG

(Editors' Note: Mr. Landsberg ought to know. He is chief of the Climatological Services Division, U. S. Weather Bureau.)

THE question, "Is the climate changing?" has a simple "yes" for an answer. The really more important question, "How much is it changing?" is more difficult to answer. And finally the question, "Why is it changing?" has barely been tackled.



trees to establish themselves in areas which were heretofore snow-covered or tundra. We can find such slow plant advance northward in Siberia, Lapland and Labrador. At the same time there has been a slow retreat of glaciers over the last half century. In Scandinavia, where careful observations have been kept, glaciers have shrunk as much as several thousand feet. In the same areas the line of permanent snow in the mountains has moved several hundred feet upward.

HUNT FOR CLUES

Ever since the inauguration of systematic weather observations meteorologists have been analyzing the records in search for the slow changes.

Even The Arctic Is Warming Up

"Vigil Patch In 'Warmer Weather' Boom In The North" - The change in climate brought about by the shift from natural furts and fields to stone and asphalt, by the heat produced from furnaces, motor vehicles, and the metabolism of the mass of people and also, by the smoke pollution is quite noticeable.

INSIDIOUS CHANGE

Most serious of all is the slow insidious change caused by the growth of a city and by the increased industrialization. These produce a man-made climate, which in some instances is making the natural air becoming drier. Changes of most of our long meteorological records have been kept in cities which are multiplied manifold over the last century.



WINTER to these artificial causes. For the natural changes we have to look toward other data. For the last 50 or 60 years these come from localities which have remained essentially untouched by the influences of modern living.

GOP Split Threatens Vital Pieces Of Ike's Legislation

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON - President Eisenhower and the principal members of his party in the Congress is widening into a kind of great divide which threatens to engulf vital pieces of the administration's legislative program. This yawning gulf has already been ignored and yet up to the moment the President has looked the other way.

"There's no doubt that he's a humble man, darling daughter, but isn't he perhaps too humble?... After all, he does have a college degree!"

People's Platform

Yankees Are Trying To 'Destroy' Dixie

Hamlet Editors, The News: JUDGING from the complacent smile of your editorial March 31 in regard to the law passed in Raleigh relative to segregation, you must be a Yankee. Out of consideration for good taste I will omit the qualifying adjective.

'Week-End Market Place' Is Praised

Charlotte Editors, The News: THE section called "Week-End Market Place" in your edition dated April 2 is one of the best ideas that we have experienced in our 50 years in the real estate business.

But that formula would be strained in many instances. Wisconsin is an example. Sen. Alexander Wiley of that state will be up for re-election with a record of loyalty to the President at least equal to that of any other Republican in the Senate.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON - WHEN Armand Hammer, the collector of Black Angus and King Farouk's Egyptian trophies, acquired Campbell, old homestead of Franklin D. Roosevelt, he also acquired some of the late President's prized possessions.

Navy Turns Down Gift Of Sloop Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON - It occurred to me that the sloop might be of value to the midshipmen Jimmy said, "not only in their training, but perhaps sentimentally as having once been used by a former assistant secretary of the navy."