

To require the Legislature to replace this revenue through an intelligent and equitable method of taxing current transactions and thereby correcting our tax ills.

To have these taxes collected by the State and pro-rated to the general revenue fund, the public school fund and the county and municipal governments of the State.

To take a second step, viz:

Reorganize all sub-divisions of State government for economical administration under the readjusted tax structure.

To show the people of this State that there is ample room for consolidation of many of our 1497 units of the present government.

To eliminate scores of useless offices and clerical retinue, which under our present system are the produce of our elected officials political pay-off.

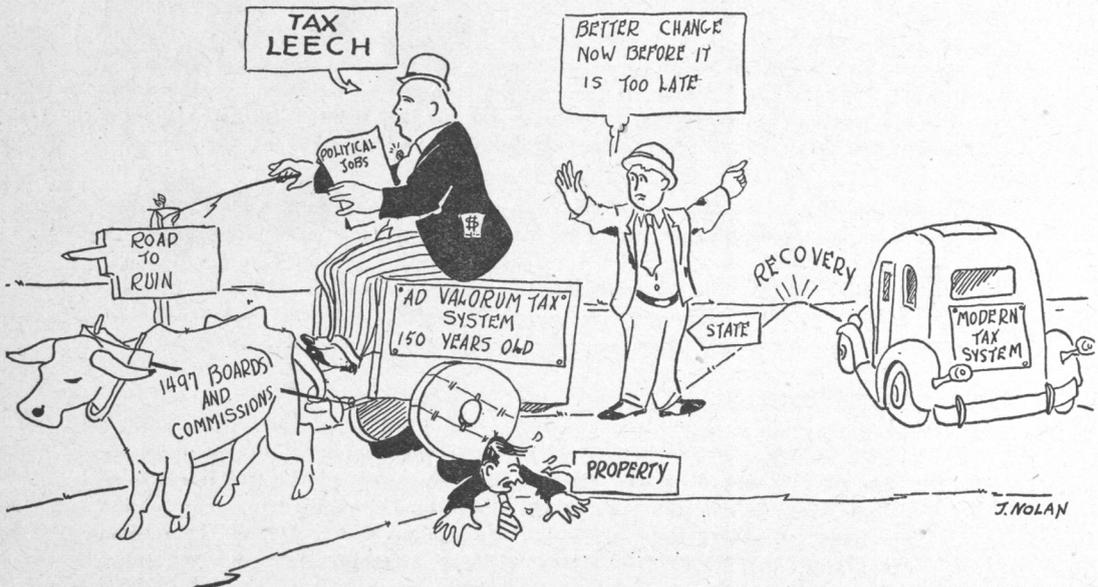
In the beginning Florida had two assets—climate and land—and then there came a flood of ad valorem taxes and laid waste the land. Florida still has its climate.

AD VALOREM TAXES HAVE NOW REACHED A STATE OF CONFISCATION, AN UNBEARABLE BURDEN IS LOADED ON PROPERTY. WHAT ARE WE TO DO ABOUT IT?

There are just two things necessary to make our State prosperous and desirable. First: Advertise our climate, and second: rehabilitate our land and realty values by reducing our cost of government. This latter can be accomplished by a complete revision of the tax structure of this State.

Once we revamp our governmental operating system, permanent residents will flock to the State from all parts of the nation by the thousands, and what Florida needs most is more permanent people. It has been stated that it is only populated up to 10% of its capacity. Italy, a similarly situated peninsula, with about the same area, has a population of 41 million people.

Mr. Watts, representing James Stewart & Company, one of the biggest contracting firms in the United States, says, "IF FLORIDA SHOULD EXEMPT ALL PROPERTY FROM AD VALOREM TAXES, YOU FOLKS DOWN HERE COULD NOT BUILD FENCES HIGH ENOUGH TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OUT. People want to live in a place where they are not taxed to death."



The Tax Leeches continue to thrive on the taxing authority of the 1497 boards and commissions, all of which have authority to levy Ad Valorem Taxes on property.