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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**MANY EXPECTED PRESENT.**

**Interest Will Center Around Levying of Town Tax.—Some Reasons**

**Why They Should be Kept Down. —Outlook Bad Now, but After the War Watch us Grow**

This evening at 8.15 p. m. in the Casino Hall will be held a special town meeting for the purpose of levying a town tax and a large number are expected to attend.

The levying of a town tax is always important and therefore everyone

in the community should take an active interest in the meeting. It is the easiest thing in the world to levy a tax, and our country in so far as taxing the people is concerned is advancing at a mighty rapid rate. United States Senator, George McLean stated in the Senate the other day that the Idea of levying taxes in this country has gone beyond reason and necessity, and that Congress must be careful not to tax people to the extent of being forced into bankruptcy, many believing that money should be borrowed, in so far as paying is concerned they say. "Let the future generations take care of it." If we are going to be proud of what we are doing in this generation we certainly must be careful as to what we hand on as a heritage.

Last year in Enfield the tax was twelve mills and by economizing and

careful administration the town ought to get along with that amount this year. Public officials should be able to say "NO" where a great many,

propositions are presented to them and the public should realize that the

money in the treasury of the town should be carefully conserved. The

selectmen, of course, will be ready to answer all questions and will have

a thorough, explicit and comprehensive report to make to the citizens in

which they will show their needs and requirements for the ensuing

year, and there may be some measures that they will advocate which

could just as well be eliminated at the present time.

Just because the tobacco growers are getting good prices for their

product it must be remembered that labor is high, fertilizer is high, food stuffs are high, insurance has increased and the net profits are not more now to the tobacco grower than they were years ago.

Aside from that all the spare funds that he has today he is asked

to put them into Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps, investments which he

must necessarily make if our army is to be equipped and supplied with

food and ammunition.

In the Thompsonville district it is estimated that from two to three

thousand people have moved within the last year and one half. Our

principle industry is running on short time and if there was ever a time in

the town of Enfield when taxes should remain as they are or be decreased

this is the time, because in increasing the taxes means an increase

in the living expenses of every family and every person in this community.

After the war Thompsonville ought be one of the most thriving places

in the country and when the boom comes then will be the time to increase

the taxes so that debts already incurred might be paid but at this

time taxes" should be left as they are and town officials should eliminate

every unnecessary expense.