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We take pleasure in publishing this week a letter from Mr. John C. Taylor, County Commissioner, relative to the tax assessment and the system followed in Hertford county. There is much room for discussion and more room for improvement in the handling of this matter and it is very much to the interest of the taxpayers of the county to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the facts, and with the law, in order that sound constructive measures will be adopted to correct the present state of affairs. There are those who state that the present law, the new law, was framed after a tax commission had gone into the matter thoroughly and the present law is based on their recommendations. This however, does not prove anything or correct the present glaring inequalities. Something is still wrong; either the spirit of the law is not being carried out or the law does not cover the case and should be repealed or amended. We invite further discussion.

### SLOWING UP FOR SAFETY

Once there was a successful young attorney who worked for a corporation. His ability was first class and the only thing that seemed to menace his future career was his overfondness for strong drink.

He was sent to a distant city on important business, which he no sooner concluded than he started in on a wild spree that delayed his return for several days.

Fearing that his employers would hear of the escapade, and make things unpleasant for him, he decided to make a clean breast of the matter, so when the manager asked where he had been so long, he owned up that he had been "trying to drink all the whiskey in sight."

The manager's advice was "Slow up for safety—you are going too fast!"

In these days, many automobile drivers ought to slow up for safety. The list of daily disasters at the railroad crossing should be a warning to every driver to watch his step in that place of danger.

You may have a natural expectancy of many years of life yet to come. If so, you are fortunate and surely ought not to risk, by any rash act, the spoiling of such pleasant prospects.

There are drivers who do not come to attention when they approach tracks that are to be crossed. They go on thinking about things that are mere trifles compared to the serious question of safety of life and limb.

Only too often, there is a sudden, horrible awakening to the fact that the engine has "gone dead" right on the crossing, just as a train is bearing down upon them.

Too late comes the realization that day-dreaming is out of place at the grade crossing. Then the end comes suddenly.

What matters now all the plans future prosperity and success?

Thoughtlessness having taken the place where vigilance should have been on guard, every plan and hope and aspiration is suddenly terminated and nothing remains of the life that looked so promising but sad memories in the minds of afflicted kindred and friends.

Slow up for safety at the crossing. Make no effort to cross unless the coast is clear.

Thieves broke a rear window, opened a rear door and hauled away in a truck about \$2,000 worth of merchandise from the store of the Bullock company in Creedmoor Saturday night. According to estimates about thirty-six suits of clothes were included in the haul. The store has been robbed about six times during the past year.

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### NON-SPECULATIVE CROPS

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—With a thirteen per cent increase in acreage of tobacco and a 76 per cent condition forecasting 610 pounds per acre, or a 336,700,000 pound crop this year, and a large part of this to be sold through the cooperative marketing plan, the farmers have much to divert their interest from the cotton crop.

The outlook is for a 34 per cent increase over last year's tobacco, but it is still 22 per cent under the 1920 record crop. With the markets just opened it is impossible to give an average price, but indications are that they are quite satisfactory and averaging near 20 cents. The early markets are grading their leaves for the first time.

Sweet potatoes have a four per cent increased acreage, with the same condition as a year ago, 89 per cent of a full crop prospect. The forecasted production of 12,130,000 bushels gives North Carolina a good chance of again ranking first in the value of this crop.

Hay and pastures had wonderfully favorable conditions in the east and west. Most fruit has been good, but melons have but a 79 per cent condition.

Peanuts have been reduced ten per cent in acreage and the condition of 66 per cent of a normal, or full crop prospect, indicates a low prospective production of about 4,000,000 bushels.

Of the legume crop acreages, cowpeas are reduced four per cent; velvet beans, three per cent, and soy beans have the same area as last year. The average condition of soy beans is 90, while cow peas are 89 per cent of a full prospect.

The hay and grass crops are unusually good this year. Every farmer needs hay for his livestock and teams, and as yet this state does not produce as much as it consumes. This year the acreage is less than last year, and this in spite of the boll-weevil advances and the generally non-profitable crop conditions. Safe farming must begin by producing the foods and feeds needed on the farms. Hays and grasses grow either voluntarily or from a wonderful variety of legumes and cultivated grasses. Alfalfa grows well and yields several cuttings, but few farmers will grow it in place of the expensive cultivated crops.

Local crop conditions show Hertford county as follows: Tobacco 95 per cent; sweet potatoes 82 per cent; corn 78 per cent.

The condition figures above mean "Per cent of a normal, or full crop condition." The yields refer to the per acre basis, and the acreages are "Compared with last year." These reports are issued monthly by the Co-Operating Crop Reporting Service, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

### BETHLEHEM NEWS

Mr. Luther Hill of Mapleton, N. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Omie Hill near here.

Miss Grady Vaughan of Norfolk is the guest of Miss Gladys Jernigan this week.

Mrs. Nannie Brantley and Mrs. John Brantley and little son of Center Grove, spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Rob Simons at Bethlehem.

Mrs. T. W. Hayes and little daughter Frances, returned to their home last Sunday in Suffolk after spending the week-end at the bedside of her niece Miss Thelma White who is quite sick at her home near here.

Mr. Daniel Lowe, accompanied by Mr. L. W. Dilday, motored to Winton Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Anna Jones and little son of Norfolk, are spending some time with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. M. V. Wilson in our community.

Little Miss Erlene Simons of Tarboro, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Askew.

Little Miss Ruth Askew of Center Grove spent a few days last week with Miss Lois Dilday.

Miss Sallie Hill returned last Wednesday after spending a week with her grandson, Mr. W. P. Lowe near Harrellsville.

Mrs. M. E. Godwin of Suffolk, is at the bedside of her grand daughter, Miss Thelma White this week.

Mrs. Caroline Slaughter is improving at the present writing.

(Editor's Note—The above letter was received last week too late for publication.)

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE

This is to notify the public that the undersigned has sold his entire interest of shop tools and machinery in the firm of B. Vinson and Brother to J. A. Horton. All persons holding claims against the firm of B. Vinson and Brother will be paid by the firm of Horton and Vinson. All persons indebted to the said firm of B. Vinson and Brother will please make payment to B. Vinson and Brother.  
7-28-4t B. VINSON

### MEETING OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hertford County met on the 7th day of August, 1922. Present J. M. Eley, Chairman, John C. Taylor, E. W. Whitley, E. H. Eure, John O. Aakew, Jr., and F. G. Tayloe.

Proceedings of last meetings read and approved.

The following committees were continued until next meeting of the Board, to-wit:

- Committee to build boat for Hills Ferry.
- Committee to repair Court house in Maney Neck Township.
- Committee on building cottages at the County Home.
- The matter of water works.

Application was received from M. M. Browne for position of Superintendent of the County Home for the coming year. Upon motion and carried unanimously, Mr. M. M. Browne was re-elected Superintendent for the next year, at a salary of \$600, with Board for self and family and doctor's attention to family.

The ladies of the Winton Betterment Association presented request that the County make a small appropriation toward the building of seats around the trees on the Court House yard, and after considering the matter, the Board voted unanimously to allow the sum of \$15.00 for this purpose.

The Board voted to authorize the annual fee of \$5.00 to be paid the State Association of County Commissioners, the same to be paid by any member attending the annual meeting of this association (whose expenses shall be borne by such delegate and not the County) the fee to be reimbursed by the County.

G. G. Reed appeared before the Board and requested that he be relieved of poll taxes for year 1921, which request was granted on account of a physical defect.

A County Treasurer being elected by the Board on the first Monday in September, the Clerk is instructed to notify all Banks of the County that this matter will be taken up at that meeting and to notify them that sealed applications will be received by the Clerk up to that time.

The matter of sale of real estate for taxes taken up, and upon motion and carried, the time for such sales was extended until first Monday in September: Voting in the negative on this question, John C. Taylor.

The Board votes to meet again on the third Monday in August to meet with the representatives of Murfreesboro Baptist church with reference to a loan to them.

The Clerk of the Board is instructed to investigate and purchase stair way strip for the Court House.

Commissioner E. H. Eure reports that he has ordered 18 tons of coal at price of \$18.50 delivered, and the Clerk is instructed to pay for same when delivered.

On motion, F. G. Tayloe is appointed as a committee to investigate the complaint of Mrs. Mattie Hyatt with reference to error in listing town lots at Ahsokie.

The building of a potatoe house at the County Home is referred to the Building Committee having in charge the building of the cottages at the Home.

The following tax levy was made by the Board for the year 1922 to-wit:

For general county purposes, 15 cents on the \$100 property.

For general school purposes, 44 cents. Teachers salaries, and 8 cents, incidental making total of 52 cents on the \$100 property.

For Road purposes 25 cents on the \$100 property.

A levy of \$2.00 on each taxable poll in the County.

The same tax as levied by the State (where allowed by law) is levied by the county on all Schedule B articles.

The following special taxes levied as per request.

A special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on each poll for Como school district.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Murfreesboro School district for maintenance and 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll for Bonds.

Special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 property and 45 cents on the poll in Mapleton school district.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Woodrow school district.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Winton school district for maintenance and 50 cents on the \$100 property and \$1.50 on the poll for Bonds.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Holly Springs school district.

Special tax of 10 cents on the \$100 property and 30 cents on the poll in St. Johns school district.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Union school district for maintenance and 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll for bonds in the Union Bond district.

Special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in Menola school district and 30 cents on the \$100 property and 90 cents on the poll in said district for Bonds.

Special tax on the \$100 property of 25 cents and 75 cents on the poll in Harrellsville school district.

Special tax of 25 cents on the \$100 property and 75 cents on the poll in Mill Neck school district.

Special tax of 40 cents on the \$100 property and \$1.20 on the poll in Ahsokie School district.

The following accounts against the county presented and ordered paid, to-wit:

Town of Winton, light bill.....	\$ 2.20
A. V. Greene, on contract building at County Home.....	1,000.00
Sears and Browne, supplies County Home.....	23.30
M. M. Browne, amount paid work at County Home.....	22.85
Thad Dukes, work at County Home, July.....	20.00
J. A. Northcott, cleaning windows etc.....	.68
C. W. Howard, bringing prisoner to jail.....	1.20
B. Scull, salary July account.....	169.68
Abram Newsome, services as janitor, July.....	6.75
H. P. Eure, keeping Parkers Ferry, July.....	45.00
R. L. Bryan Co., index tabs C. S. Court office.....	1.32
Hertford County Herald, publishing reports.....	23.00
R. R. Buck, board of prisoners.....	52.70
R. L. Bryan Co., record book, C. S. Court.....	37.50
N. C. Joyner, hauling lumber.....	2.40
W. D. Browne, demonstration agent, colored, July.....	10.00
T. I. Burbage, toxin antitoxin.....	3.33
Jack Collins, keeping B. H. Ferry, July.....	25.00
Matthew Wilson, keeping Tar Landing Ferry, July.....	40.00
Dink Jones, keeping Hills Ferry, July.....	40.00
F. D. Flythe, coffin etc.....	10.70
W. P. Shaw, Jr. and Bro., light bulbs.....	1.00
Judie White, support for August.....	3.00
H. L. Miller, demonstration agent, July.....	50.00

No further business appearing before the board it adjourned to meet again on the third Monday in August, 1922.

J. M. ELEY, Chairman,

J. A. NORTHCOTT, Clerk to Board.

### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of J. R. Odom, late of Hertford County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of July, 1923, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of July, 1922.  
W. D. ODOM, Administrator of  
7-21-6t-up J. R. ODOM, Deceased

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### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. A. P. Sears, deceased, late of Hertford County, N. C., this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of July, 1923, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 19th day of July, 1922.  
T. W. SEARS, Administrator of  
Mrs. A. P. Sears, deceased.

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

We wish to announce to the public that we have moved our place of business across the street in the corner store on Newsome's block.

We are prepared to serve you with a complete line of HEAVY and FANCY GROCERIES, and our market is specially equipped to serve you in the most sanitary way possible.

We also wish to thank our patrons for their loyal patronage in the past and hope to serve them as well as many new ones in our new store

The Ahsokie Tobacco Market opened Aug. 17th with a full set of buyers. Prospects are good for the largest market we have ever had. Don't fail to sell your tobacco on this market and buy your groceries from us. It will pay you.

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