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## CHATHAM TO \$35,600 FOR ROADS

**Bill for 5-Cent Tax on Gasoline, With Extra Cent to Go to County Roads Reduces County Taxes.**

The road bill will probably have become a law by the time the Record reaches its readers. The feature that concerns most deeply the people of the counties is that which adds an additional cent to the tax on gasoline and provides that the proceeds of this extra cent shall be divided among the counties for the upkeep of county roads, and that sufficient funds from the other four-cent tax shall be added to make the total county road fund amount to three million dollars.

The fund is to be divided among the counties in the dual proportion of area and population. Chatham is hardly up to the average in population, but its size makes up for the loss in that respect, so that it is estimated that Chatham will get nearly one and one-fifth per cent of the three-million fund, or a total of \$35,600. As the county road fund levy in this county has amounted to \$38,000, it is evident that the contribution from the state fund will almost entirely relieve the lands of the county road tax, for the measure provides that the county shall not levy more than enough to bring the total up to 10 percent above the previous year's fund. Accordingly, the limit of the county road fund under the law would be about \$42,000, or only \$7,000 above the part provided from the gasoline fund.

Provision is made in the bill for the work to be done under the direction of the state highway commission or under county direction, at the option of the county commissioners.

Wake gets the largest share, a sum of \$69,420. The other adjoining counties to Chatham get sums as follows: Lee, \$15,900; Randolph, \$42,810; Al-mance, \$34,320; Orange, \$22,500; Durham, \$34,350; Harnett, \$34,680.

### BEAR CREEK NEWS

Editor Record:  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Fields, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fields of R. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coggins and family, of Hallison, were Sunday visitors at W. A. Coggins.

Mrs. James Stigall, after spending the past two months with her father, W. L. Coggins, of this place, has returned to her home in Greensboro, where she will undergo an operation. She has been in poor health for several months.

R. L. Nelson had the misfortune to lose a mule recently.

C. C. Beaver was a visitor in Greensboro last week.

Euene B. Straghan, son of F. C. Straghan, was seriously injured by a falling tree last week. He and Loomis Moore were cutting cross ties and had cut down a tree, which lodged on a large limb and caused it to whirl around toward Mr. Straghan, striking him in the hip and falling on his thigh, which broke his leg just below the knee. He was rushed to Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford. It has not been determined whether his hip is broken or fractured at this writing, but he seems to be getting along as well as could be expected, considering his condition. We wish him rapid recovery.

J. L. Strahan, of Greensboro, visited his father on Rt. 2 and his brother, E. B. Straghan in the hospital at Sanford.

Miss Mollie Cheek is recovering from an extended attack of "flu."

J. H. Gunter, who injured his foot last week is improving slowly.

W. H. Murray was a recent visitor in Supply, N. C.

J. B. Dunn has moved from the J. D. Johnson place, on Rt. 2, to near Bonlee, on Siler City, R. 3. We regret to lose Mr. Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Williamson and sons, W. Paul and Wilbur, of Sanford, were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of W. A. Coggins.

John W. Burke, who lives near Meroney Church, has moved to Burlington. We are sorry to lose this good family, but hope for them success in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Maulden and sons, Louie, Amick and Herbert, of Liberty, were Sunday visitors at T. P. Beaver's.

Mrs. J. D. Willett accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. H. Fisher, of Cummock, Rt. 1, is visiting relatives in Biscoe this week.

Mrs. J. G. Hilliard, who has been on the sick list for the past several weeks, is greatly improved, her many friends will learn with pleasure.

Roy E. Loyd, son of G. A. Loyd, of Rt. 2, has joined the Navy and is stationed at Hampton Roads, Va.

J. Robert Snipes, son of J. H. Snipes, has accepted work in Durham and went to take his work last week.

**FULL LINE OF FERRY'S GARDEN SEEDS, also seed oats and onion sets at R. M. Connell's, Highway 93.**

### MRS. BURNS HONORED

The following tribute to Mrs. R. M. Burns is clipped from the Monroe Enquirer, and will be of interest to record readers:

Mrs. Robert M. Burns, Pittsboro, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Winchester during the winter months, celebrated in a quiet but most pleasant way her eighty-fifth birthday anniversary on Saturday, February 2, 1929. But as the day, which was bright and sunny, (causing both Mrs. Burns and the ground hog to see their shadows) wore on, and late afternoon came, she was much surprised and her pleasures greatly heightened by the arrival of a number of friends who came in very informally to extend greetings and warm-hearted congratulations to this charming lady and shower her with loving wishes and beautiful thoughts in the form of gifts and enjoy a social hour with her.

In the meantime, her eldest son and daughter, A. M. Burns, of Roxboro, and Mrs. Herbert E. Norris, of Raleigh, arrived to be with her on this auspicious day in her life, and to pay a short visit to their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Winchester. It was her pleasure to have with her all her children, save one, R. H. Burns, of Whiteville, who could not be present.

Mrs. Burns is woman of charming personality and fine bearing. She has ever held to the "Distaff and Spindle," leading a busy and energetic life throughout the years.

She has ever given herself out to every good cause. Not only has she proven the devoted wife, mother, and friend, but during the war between the states she proved her love and devotion to the Confederate cause, spending much of her time at this period in the city of Wilmington. She worked unceasingly for Confederate soldiers, making uniforms for the officers and clothing for the soldier boys in private ranks; knitting a pair of socks a day. And in every way proved herself a true daughter of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Burns' friends here and throughout the state, for she is widely known, will wish for her many years more golden days, golden hours for this golden-hearted lady. —A Friend.

### Hardest Fought Game of Season

**Pittsboro Wins Over Erwin Auditorium Team in Close Game Friday Evening.**

The success of the Pittsboro basketball team has been gratifying to the school and to the citizens generally. Only once or twice has the team failed to bring back the winning score, but Friday evening for a while that team of huskies from Durham almost turned tables. The first half showed the visiting team all to the good, but the latter half saved the evening for Pittsboro, to the tune of 26 to 21. Russel Griffin made six points the last four minutes of the game and was the star of the evening. Nyles Womble also won laurels in the game. This is the 16th victory for the team.

By the way, the Record was wrong in stating that Rufus Johnson had made 220 points in 20 games. It should have been in 15 games.

The boys are going some.

**FOR SALE—LOTS FRONTING** Main Street 55 feet next to Pittsboro post office, with two small buildings. Address X care Chatham Record. April 21.

**MEXICAN BIG BOLL COTTON** seed for sale—the product of six acres grown from purebred seed costing \$2.50 a bushel. Come after them and get them at one dollar a bushel. J. D. Baker, 3 miles north of Pittsboro. Mch 1.

**I WANT TO BUY YOUR CEDAR** logs and cross ties. Highest cash prices paid W. C. Johnson.

### Stomach Distress

If you suffer from gas, heartburn, sour stomach, bloating and dyspepsia, why not make the Dietex 15 minute test? Absolutely harmless and making thousands feel like new. One ingredient has the amazing power to digest 3,000 times its own weight. Don't give up. Get Dietex at any drug store. Put it to the test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, and able to eat most anything in comfort. Dietex must satisfy you 100 per cent or cost nothing. Only 60c.

**KIMBALTON NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Ferguson spent the week-end in Greensboro.

N. J. Dark was a business visitor in Greensboro last week.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson spent last week in Siler City with her daughter Mrs. Worth Whit.

Clint Glover (colored) jumped from a truck Saturday and the truck ran over him and he was seriously hurt on both legs.

Mrs. Mittie Russell spent last week in Greensboro.

### Carnes Sentence Much Criticized

**Arch-Thief of Baptist Fund Gets Only 5-Year Term in Penitentiary—Stole Nearly Million Dollars.**

The sentence of Carnes, who stole nearly a million dollars from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptists, to only five years in the penitentiary is creating considerable comment. Even the judge declared the sentence too light, but felt impelled to fix it at from five to seven years at the request of the attorneys of the Board. The representative of the Board has since explained that the case is very complicated and that to secure the full measure of punishment, it would have been necessary to take up one defalcation after another, resulting in apparent persecution. Carnes submitted to the charges in a general way and thus kept the evidence from coming before the court. And that fact is now suggesting the unpleasant proposition that members of the Board were not too anxious to have the matter ever come into the open. The severest assault thus far was that of Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh, who Sunday demanded the resignation of the whole board and a re-opening of the case.

Dr. Powell declared that he had formerly maintained his faith in the integrity of the members of the Board, though not in their wisdom. However, he now considers that the action of the Board in securing so light a penalty for the master thief has a bad appearance.

Dr. Powell compares the penalty in the Carnes case with that of the official who stole \$90,000 from the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond. The latter paid back \$40,000 and got a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. Carnes stole nearly a million and gets 5 years in the penitentiary. However, he turns over what property he has in public view. There is no evidence that he has much of the swag, though it is not clear how he made way with it.

**HOOVER IS TOLD WHY THE SOUTH SPLIT ASUNDER**

**New York Newspaper Attributes Landslide to South's Rural Vote.**

**CRAMER'S VIEW DIFFERS**

It is recorded in the daily press that Herbert Hoover, president-elect, inquired of Stuart W. Cramer, Republican treasurer of North Carolina during the past campaign and often mentioned for a cabinet post in the new administration, how much the religious issue and the liquor question had to do with North Carolina's flop into the Republican column last November. Incidentally, Mr. Hoover included the other Southern states which left the Democratic column. Cramer is said to have told Mr. Hoover that the religious question or the prohibition question, or both combined.

There are those who take issue growing industrialism in the South was more responsible than either with Mr. Cramer's reply. In fact, there was a storm of protest immediately the Hoover-Cramer confab was reported. The New York World, staunch Smith supporter in the past campaign, reminds Mr. Cramer that it was in the rural districts that the death knell was given the Smith candidacy in the South. The World shows that the large industrial centers in the South went with few exceptions for the Democratic nominee and that it was the rural Hoover majorities which upset the states. New Orleans and Atlanta, largest cities in the South-land, were for Smith, as were scores of other industrial centers, the World points out. The World concludes:

"Did Louisiana, with the largest city in the solid south and with a sugar industry dependent upon a high tariff, go Republican? Did Alabama with its iron, steel and coal industries, repudiate Democracy? It did not. Did South Carolina, the third largest cotton manufacturing state in the union, cast its vote for a Republican tariff? No. It went Democratic by a 20 to 1 vote.

"Why, then, did the solid south split? Mr. Cramer might obtain some real information on this point from Colonel Mann, but probably he would not want it. It is good politics now for Republicans to soft pedal intolerance and emphasize industrialism."

**SEE ME ABOUT YOUR SEED** oats before buying. W. C. Johnson.

**FOR FEED OATS, SWEET FEEDS,** shipstuffs, wheat brand, see R. M. Connell, on Highway 93.

### School Girl Hurt Seriously by Car

**Miss Lena Hackney Run Over by Car as She Starts to Cross Road to School Truck.**

A serious accident occurred Monday morning on highway 75 in front of the home of Mrs. Eugenia Hearne's home near Bynum. The school bus from the Bynum section, on its way to the Pittsboro school, had stopped at Mrs. Hearne's for Miss Lena Hackney to run in and deliver a package to her grandmother, Mrs. Hearne. Hurrying back, she dashed from behind the shrubbery of the Hearne lawn into the road in front of a passing car, driven by Mr. Ashburn Johnson of the Siler City section.

Mr. Johnson did his best to avoid the young lady when he saw her, but he was too close on her to avoid hitting her. Drs. Chapin and McBane both soon arrived on the scene and Dr. Chapin reported to the Record that an arm and two ribs were broken, and minor injuries suffered. Mr. Johnson, it is said, advised that all the aid necessary be secured and charged to him and did what he could to help.

The injuries were so serious that the young lady was carried to a hospital. However, their was no evidence of internal injuries, and it is hoped that she will recover.

The law requires cars to stop before passing a school truck which is stopped on the road.

### GUN GOES OFF AND KILLS MR. ERNST

**Superintendent of Cape Fear Steam Plant of C. P. & L. Co. Killed by Accidental Discharge of His Gun.**

Thursday saw another fatal accident in Chatham. Mr. F. P. Ernst, for four years superintendent of the great steam plant of the Carolina Power and Light Company, near Moncure, was the victim of an accidental discharge of his own gun. Mr. Ernst drove up to the rear of his home, got out and started to pull his gun from the rear of the car with the muzzle toward him. The gun fired and the load landed in Ernst's stomach.

Mrs. Ernst was attracted by the sound of the gun and the cries of her husband for help. Dr. Cathell of Moncure was called at once, but the wounded man died in a half hour.

The burial was in Raleigh, in which city Mr. Ernst had been superintendent of a plant before coming to the Cape Fear plant.

He was a native of Indiana and was in the prime of life. He leaves a wife and several children.

### THE HATEFUL FLU

(By a Victim)

This Flu is a hateful and loathsome disease. Crooked, deceptive in all of its dealings; From close observation, I hope I may freeze. If it has any regard for your feelings!

First thing it hands you is a couple of chills That get you awake and puts you to shaking; You find you have a combination of ills All parts acheable have done gone to aching!

You ache at the point where your hat ought to be, Joints of your backbone seem ready to sunder; No bone seems exempted, no part can be free Every nerve in you is living you thunder.

It causes internal disturbances, too, Disorganizes all down in your tummy; A good disposition gets sour and blue And your bean functions just like a dummy.

Whooping-cough, measles, the mumps and the itch May sneak around and come uninvited, But they don't kick you down so deep in the ditch And future exemption leaves you delighted.

But Flu never promises not to come back, And often it returns in a hurry. It comes with knowledge of where to attack; All its plans to torture and worry.

And off, ere departing, it calls an ally, Which licks victims as good, easy pickings A very base gesture in bidding good-bye.

But it often thus gives you the dickers, All of this proves what we said at the first— Flu is loathsome, deceptive and sneaking; If you have been wishing to meet

### NEW ELAM NOTES

(Written for Last Week's Paper)  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Drake and sons Robert and John, Jr., of Greensboro, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Mrs. Tom Kirk and little son Thomas, Jr., have returned to their home at Portsmouth, Va., after spending several weeks with Mrs. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Mr. Tave Jones' family are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Glenn Tysinger of Moncure is visiting her mother Mrs. R. D. Saurdiant this week.

Mrs. Margaret Thomas of Lee county is visiting her aunt Mrs. G. L. Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trotter are enjoying their new radio very much.

### TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Rev. J. L. Martin, a Baptist minister of large experience, has moved to Siler City and is open for pastoral work.

Mr. Lewis Norwood, Sheriff Blair, and Auditor Bun Riggsbee were able to get back on their jobs the last of the week.

Mr. J. Y. Neal of Baldwin township, has moved to Carrboro.

Mr. Jeter Griffin went up to Durham Sunday to visit his mother, who was quite ill for a few days.

Mr. W. H. Mason of Lillington spent several days in Pittsboro considering the matter of establishing a retail lumber, sash and door business. While Mr. Mason has not decided at the time of this writing to come, the prospects are good that he will. For the present he would do only a selling business, but later he would probably put up a small plant for the manufacture of sash, doors, screens, etc.

Mr. J. Robert Hemmick of Pittsboro and Miss Helen King of Bynum were married a few days ago.

Mr. J. O. Brown, of Bunnlevel, Harnett Co., back in his old beat last week, had the misfortune to get his car wrecked in a collision on highway 75.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Currie, accompanied by Mr. Currie's mother, came up from Cumberland county Sunday to visit Mrs. Henry A. London and Miss Carrie Jackson before Mr. and Mrs. Currie went to their missionary station in China. They are new on their way to Los Angeles to take passage for China.

Mr. J. M. Ellis, who for the past three years has operated the old Hadley Mill on Lennon's Creek, has moved to the Boone place above Pittsboro and will farm this year. Mr. Goodwin from Statesville has bought the Hadley mill and will move down as soon as the health of his family will permit.

Mrs. D. B. Nooe and little Miss Loula Foushee Hinton visited Littleton during the week-end.

Mr. J. D. White, who was sick for several weeks, was able to be out last week.

Mr. W. M. Eubanks was able to be down to the store the middle of last week, after being kept in two or three weeks by illness.

Miss Lillian Mildred McPherson and Mrs. Henry Lee Lowe, both of Siler City, were married Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, aged 88, passed away at the home of her son in Siler City last Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Roberson, formerly Miss Fannie Ray of this county, died at her home, Mebane, R. F. D. 5, February 8, at the age of 63. She leaves her husband Mr. Bud Roberson, four sons and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fields of Brunswick county spent the week-end with Mr. Fields' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fields of Bynum.

Mrs. L. N. Womble desires that the Record express the thanks of herself and family for the kindness and help of friends and neighbors when her mother died. She appreciates every kindness.

with the worst. That roost on bushes round your lone habitation. They pass your place if the wind is just right But they do so while holding their noses; Flu is your answer without further seeking. They hope you may win in your perilous fight, But if you don't—they may bring you some roses.

Mr. Geo. W. Jones, of Pittsboro, R. 2. She leaves several children besides her devoted husband.

The burial was at Emmaus Baptist church Tuesday. Rev. R. B. Gordon, pastor of the church, conducted the funeral services.

### MR. BILLY COOPER COMMITTS SUICIDE

**Aged Citizen, Tired of Life, Shoots Himself Through Head—Burial at Rocky Springs.**

Just between the time of printing last week's Record and mailing it, news reaches Pittsboro of the death by his own hand of Mr. Billy Cooper, an aged and much respected citizen living on the highway between Pittsboro and Bynum.

Mr. Cooper, who was a widower, lived about with his children, though he had a good residence of his own and several thousand dollars in the bank. At the time of his death, he was with his son Mr. Lon Cooper, whose home in just across the road from his father's residence. Moved by some whim or wearied of life because of semi-invalidism, he took his little rifle, crawled under the house, and shot himself through the head. This was early Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, before daylight in fact. The body was found lifeless by members of his son's family.

The funeral was held at Rocky Springs Baptist church, of which he had long been a member. The burial was at Rocky Springs cemetery, near the former site of the church. A large crowd was present to pay their last respects to their neighbor, friend, or kinsman.

Mr. Cooper was 74 years of age and had been in feeble health for the past year or two. He had been married twice, but had been a widower for a number of years. By his first wife he was the father of four sons and two daughters, Messrs. O. T. Lon, Mid, and Will Cooper, the latter of Colon; and Mesdames J. D. White and —White of Pittsboro.

His last wife was a daughter of Mrs. E. J. Hearne, but she left no children.

A man who served his generation well has gone.

### DEATHS

**MRS. CLARA FIELDS**

Mrs. Clara J. Fields, of the White's Bridge community, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. W. Fields, early Thursday morning, Feb. 7, after a confinement of three weeks after a fall.

Mrs. Fields was 80 years of age last December. Before marriage she was Miss Clara White a sister of the late Rev. J. M. White and the only surviving aunt of Rev. E. White of Savannah, Ga., and of Prof. Bruche White of the Wake Forest law school. She was married to Mr. H. A. Fields 52 years ago, and to the union were born a son and a daughter, Mr. W. W. Fields and Miss Ida, who married a Phillips, but dying left four children. Mr. Fields died three years ago.

She was a member of Mays Chapel Baptist church, and the funeral service and the burial were Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. H. Porter, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

**MRS. CHAS. A. BROWN**

Telegrams received at Pittsboro Thursday morning of last week informed friends here of the death of Mrs. Chas. A. Brown, widow of the well known newspaper man Chas. A. Brown, who resided at various times at Pittsboro many years and numbered his friends in the county by the hundreds.

Mr. Brown has been dead about a year, having retired from newspaper work at Siler City and returned to Raleigh, where he lived with a niece.

Mrs. Brown was buried at Durham, by the side of her husband, last Friday. She was a good woman and was highly esteemed both here and at Siler City.

### GILMORE

Thomas Hester Gilmore was born November 6, 1846 and died January 23, 1929, making him eighty-two years, two months and seventeen days old.

Brother Gilmore was a Confederate Veteran, a member of Company "H" seventeenth North Carolina Regiment, Junior Reserve. He joined May 30, 1864 and returned home May 1, 1865.

Brother Gilmore joined the Church in early life and unto his death he was a faithful follower of Christ. In 1872 he was married to Susan J. Johnson and became the father of ten children, nine boys and one girl. His wife preceded him to the grave seven years.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon his relatives and friends who mourn.

**MRS. COLON JOHNSON DEAD**

Mrs. Colon Johnson of Hadley township died Sunday in St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro, where she was carried several days before. She had been ill some time.

Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of