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STATE BUT 14 PER CENT OF TOTAL

Figures of Tax Commission Show Amount Is Small Compared To Others

The combined public debt of North Carolina's state and local governments June 30, 1931, was \$432,330,417, of which \$370,048,367 is classed as local, \$161,682,050 as state, with \$14,926.950 in special school building bonds. Of this total \$532,000,000 indebtedness, \$75,000,000 was incurred for schools and \$457,000,000 for other purposes, or 14 per cent for schools and 86 per cent for other purposes, it is shown in the Tax Commission report for 1932, just issued.

A further study of these and other Tax Commission figures reveals that of the \$40,794,473 paid for 1931-32 in debt service requirements, as interest and retirement of principal, \$4,460, DIVORCE LAW OF 419, or approximately 10.9 per cent, was paid from special assessments, fees and earnings of municipal service enterprises; \$8,383,715, or 20.6 per cent Two Years' Separation Is State Auto Tags for 1934 was paid from gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes, and \$3,643,397, or 8.9 per cent, was paid from State general fund revenues, divided into \$1,-101,699 for state educational institutions, and \$2,541,728 for other pur-

From the local general property tax collections, these figures show, county road bond payments amounted to \$8,157,298, or 20 per cent, while school bonds amounted to \$6,195,159, or only 15.2 per cent. For purposes other than schools, municipal, county, and district, the debt service amounted to \$9,954,485, or 24.4 per cent of the to-

of \$16,956,632, or 41.6 per cent.

This is contradictory to the oft-reschools are the greatest beneficiaries and are responsible for the bulk of FILLING STATION the state and local debt, since only
15.2 per cent of the 1931-32 debt paySinclair Company Plans To ments were for schools; 40.5 per cent was for highways and roads, and 41.6 than schools and roads.

INAUGURATION

Might Run Special Pullman To Washington From This Section

the railroads and other agencies, thousands of people are planning to attend the presidential inauguration in for tearing down the large wooden Washington City Saturday of next week. It is believed now that one of the largest crowds ever to attend such an exercise will be there.

Quite a few are making arrangements to attend from this section, it understood. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is planning to run a Pullman to accommodate those desiring to attend from this section. The Pullman will leave Tarboro Friday afternoon and reach Washington that night about 10 o'clock, returning Sunday. Those traveling on the Pullman will be hauled there and back and given sleeping acdations during two nights for \$14.25. The party wil lbe made up of boro and intermediary points, it is

MAIN STREET **HOME ENTERED**

Mayor R. L. Coburn Chases Burglar from His Home Last Tuesday Night

A second visit by burglars on West Main Street was reported early last Wednesday morning when some one entered the home of Mayor and Mrs. home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows, where an entrance was attempted a few nights before.

later seen finding his way around with and one car for passengers. The pasa flashlight. The mayor, with gun senger car is divided into compartin hand, chased the man out of the ments. Well, even then the service house and fired upon him but missed is adequate to serve the territory and the mark. While the man was roam- the change went by just about unnoaround the kitchen, it isn't be-ticed that he was after food altogethheved that he was after food altogether, but was planning to plunder other train with its six-wheelers, continues

SCHOOL DEBT OF Register at Hotel; Decide to See Sights; And Then Forget Name and Location of Hotel

Paying little attention to the name of the hotel when they registered in Washington last Tuesday night made regular night hawks out of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officer J. H. Allsbrooks.

After locating their baggage, the two officers thought they would ride about the town and see the sights before retiring. After viewing everything they could well remember in one sight-seeing tour, the two started back to their hotel. They had forgotten what street it was on and didn't even know the name. Midnight came and they were still looking for their hotel. One o'clock passed

and finally at two o'clock, the officers happening to glance at the name "Atlas," and remembered at once that it was their hotel.

The District of Columbia police did not know about it, but the two local officers were helping them patrol the town that

On their return trip, the officers followed U. S. route 1 right on through Petersburg and found themselves in South Hill, Va., instead of Emporia, as they thought, the slight error adding 60 miles

They have decided not to attend the inauguration.

Are Being Planned In

Gold and Black

dling license plates.

Mrs. Anna Boyle Everett, a resi-

dent of this county for a number of

Monday. She was 82 years old.

Announce Prices In Effect

Thus far, since the egg cartons have

made possible by the careful gradng

of eggs by the producers.

The following prices will be found

Eggs, 10 cents dozen; meal, 1 cent

pound; salad, 2 pounds 5 cents; chick-

ens, 10 cents pound; sweet potatoes,

New Barber Law Will Not

Affect Shops in County

Several other counties in the state

More Tobacco Seed Beds

In Cumberland County

While Cumberland County farmers

have greatly increased their yardage

of tobacco seed beds, they do not plan

The Chatham farm agent reports 12 colts being grown by farmers of the

siderable interest now in raising more

In Raleigh Yesterday

ness trip to Raleigh yesterday.

Stock in Chatham

Farmers Raise Own

work stock at home.

were also exempted.

on the market here this week.

1 cent pound.

LICENSE PLATES STATE CHANGED TO BE SMALLER

Now Legal Grounds For Divorce

Two years' separation was made grounds for divorce in North Carolina license tags are sold for the year 1933, John Manning with hunting without ed that five years was too long a time ing plans for more of the plates for to wait for one wishing a divorce. use in 1934, in case there are any au-Rawls sued J. H. Roberson, jr., for being listed in Martin County is that the senate accepted the house amend-tomobile owners who have outlived \$300 and interest from January, 1931. ment providing that no present litiga- the gas tax and satisfied the morttion be affected by the law. In other gages. words, divorce proceedings now un- The new plates will be about three- granted the defendant judgment in the der way will progress under the old fourths the size of the plates now in sum of \$256.71, with interest from law to a final solution.

the aggrieved party. If the husband present color scheme is borrowed from peal was noted in open court. quired payment of \$16,541,013, divided runs away and leaves his wife, then the University of North Carolina. equally between state payments and she can sue for divorce on the short Mr. Maxwell said final details cncounty and district payments, or 40.5 separation grounds, but he can not, cerning the tags had not been worked in the court in some time and the first per cent of the total, while education The same holds true if the wife leaves required payments of \$7,296,828, or the husband for a period of two years. The law, kinder in keeping with \$6,195,159 for public schools and \$1,101,669 for state educational institu-

tions, or a total of 17.9 per cent, while not expected to create a big crop of all other purposes required payment grass widows and widowers in the

This is contradictory to the oft-re-peated statement that the public BIDS ASKED FOR used, addition in that way.

Let Contract for Station Here Next Week

The Sinclair Refining Company this Former County Resident week called for bids for the tearing down of the old Carstarphen store building and the erection of a mod-TO DRAW MANY ern filling station on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets. No years, and a sister of Mrs. A. H building details have been announced, but it is understood that the station will be one of the most modern in her home in Brunswick, Ga., last held in the home agent's office here al communities. will be one of the most modern in

With special inducements offered by of next week, according to information ago where he gained prominence as a line with the reference and other agencies.

Contractors are asked to enter bids structure and the erection of the sta tion jointly and separately.

Names of 26 Pupils Appear On Honor Roll at Everetts market, 50 dozen eggs have been sold.

Twenty-six names appear on the Everetts school honor roll for the fifth month, as follows:

First grade: Janie Margaret Ayers Janie Louise Bailey, Billy Clark, Mary Alice Cherry, Walter Keel, Clara Tay

Second grade: Harry Edmonds Naomi Rawles, James Stalls, Dallas Taylor, George Wynne.

Third grade: Susie Ausbon, Charles residents from Williamston and Tar- Coltrain, Florine Clark, Agnes Mayton, Mary Louise Mobley. Fourth grade: Susie Ayers, Thoma

Harrison. Fifth grade: Mary Ruth Mallory. Seventh grade: Joseph Barnhill. Eighth grade: Ruth Cullipher, W.

Tenth grade: Roy Harrell. Eleventh grade: Ella Cherry, Hazel Faulkner, Helen Keel.

A. C. L. Train Decreases Size of Train by One-third

Experiencing an ever-diminishing passenger patronage over its Tarboro-Plymouth branch, the Atlantic Coast to set a larger acreage than last year, R. L. Coburn, a few doors from the Line Railroad Company this week desays the county agent. creased the size of its passenger trains operating over the line by one-third. Aside from the engine and coal car Knocking over a chair, the burglar Aside from the engine and coal car was first heard in the kitchen, and was there are the mail and express car

RECORDER HAD SIX CASES HERE LAST TUESDAY

Jury Is Called To Decide Issue for First Time in Recent Months

Six cases were called in the county recorder's court here last Tuesday, the docket being of little importance No fines found their way into the school fund, the court apparently satisfying itself with actual operating

The case charging G. F. Benson and William C. Harris with violating the traffic laws was nol prossed.

J. K. Rogerson, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving an automobile while intoxicated, was found guilty on the first count. He was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost, the court remitting the fine.

A nol pros resulted in the case charg ing Joe Godard and Joseph Perry with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Probable cause appearing, the case case charging Bruce Moseley and Robert Hollis with the theft of two bicycles, the court bound them_over to the next term of superior court for trial. Bond in the sum of \$75 was required.

Hardly before the State automobile The case charging Lee Hardison and this week when the legislature decid- authorities in Raleigh are already mak permits were not prossed with leave. One civil action was heard. Henry In settling the case the court grant- it must have moved gradually during ed the judgment, and at the same time the period to wake up at the end of use and will be yellow and black, ac- January, 1932, against the plaintiff 9,954,485, or 24.4 per cent of the toAs the new law is understood here, sioner of revenue. The colors are the two years of separation can be stoner of revenue. The colors are tiff recover of the defendant \$61.29 An alaysis of the debt service requirements by functions for 1931-32 used as grounds for divorce only by those of Wake Forest College. The with interest from January, 1932. Ap-

In a second civil action a jury was called, the first case heard by a jury out, but that in the interest of econo- under the direction of Judge Peel. J. my the yellow and black colors would H. Roberson and Son were suing J. be used on smaller and lighter steel L. Matthews for the possession of certain property. The jury decided As the tags will be placed in plain that the defendant Matthews was not envelopes when sold over the coun- the tenant of the plaintiffs and that, ter at license plat stations instead of the defendant did not hold over after in the patented pocket envelopes now the expiration of the tenancy as alused, additional money will be saved leged. It was ordered that the plaintiff was not entitled to the possession of the property in question and that L. S. Harris, director of the motor vehicle bureau, said it was figured they should pay the costs. Appeal that the changes would result in sav- was noted.

ings of about \$14,000 to \$15,000 annually in the cost of making and han-COUNTY COUNCIL IN MEETING HERE

Dies in Brunswick, Ga. Council Reports 800 Quarts of Meat Canned By Clubs This Winter

Smith, of Williamston, and the late the home demonstration clubs was scattered here and yonder in the rurheld in the home agent's office here at communities.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Will Taylor, council president, by benefited the roads; and Principal at Christian Church Sunday

Use of Crushed Mothballs Mr. and Mrs. Everett moved from

The largest council meeting ever ing that the trucks were maintaining ago where he gained prominence as a neld on record and the most clubs represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indications of the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indicated as a supplied to the indicated represented with the interest of the women in the work. A Gene Austin at Washington represented were indicated as a supplied to the indicated represented with the indicated represented represented represented were indicated represented by the represented re On the Curb Market Here Thus far, since the egg cartons have capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. Plans for the district meet-been in use by the sellers on the curb capacity. ing, which will be held in Plymouth, were made and reports were turned We are hoping as time passes to have in by all clubs represented. better quality eggs, and this will be

The women in the council reported approximately 800 quarts of meat were canned this winter, using the steam pressure cookers to insure safety in canning. Refreshments I were served at the conclusion of the meeting and one game, led by Miss Hattie Everett, was enjoyed by the club members. Miss Hattie Everett has been the nutrition leader of the council for two years, and at this meeting offered a very excellent report giving the organization the very latest information in nutrition.

Martin Count was exempted from the provisions of a law passed this week by the legislature requiring cer-Announce Services at the tain sanitary conditions to be provid-Methodist Church Sunday ed in all barber shops operating in towns of more than 2,000 population

C. T. Rogers, pastor.

The treasurer's report will be in the hands of each member in a few days. It will perhaps remind us of how quick ly time is passing, also how forgetful our bodies, how about those who are dependent on us through our church?

not buy cold drinks, cigarettes, go to ing he related that he went down to the show, etc., and then say the reather banks of the Roanoke about 6 o'- Plymouth Divides Double son he does not help the church is be- clock to see the fishermen produce cause he does not make enough to live prosperity. He said they dipped their and help the church, too.

all are invited to meet with us.

IS PLENTY SNUG

ONLY THREE

POST OFFICES IN

COUNTY IN 1819

Palmyra Was Listed as One

of Three Offices in the

County at That Time

According to a postal guide, or di-

rectory, published back in 1819 and

now in the hands of Mr. Warren Biggs

collector of old papers and documents,

there were three post offices in this

Two of them still remain, and the

third is also in existence but is now

located in Halifax County. The three

post offices listed in the county at that

time were Palmyra; Hamilton, or

Hogton; and Williamston. It is as-

sumed that Hamilton was first known

as Hogton and that its name of to-

day was gradually in the transition

period at that time for the pamphlet

lists the office "Hamilton or Hogton."

As far as it is known the dividing

line between this county and Halifax

has never been changed after the coun

ties were established. The only rea-

son that can be advanced for Palmyra

more than 150 or 200 yards from the

There were only about 3,000 post

now there are almost that many in

Martin line at this time.

the unusually large number

FEAR EPIDEMIC

by Mumps This Week

ounty at that time.

To Outline Program for Needy

At Meet Here This Afternoon

His home would not be classed as "beautiful," so far as architectural design is corned, but Will McCandless, of the Patetown section of Wayne County will vouch for the fact that he has as comfortable a place to live as anybody in the county on a night like some of those we have had recently, when the mercury dropped to 16 degrees.

McCandless, reports reaching Goldsboro said, not locating a house to move in right handily, moved into a tobacco barn and "fixed it up in a comfortable man-He stretched up cotton sheets for partitions, making his living room and bedroom on one side of the furnace and his kitchen and dining room on the other. Then overhead he stretched some more sheets to make a ceiling for his improvised home.

Comfortable, you can bet. If he cannot keep the place warm with the stove he has up on the inside, he can go out and fire up the furnace and keep as warm as you

FIRE DOES ONLY more than 100 years and find itself in LITTLE DAMAGE another district. The town is hardly

Apparent Plot Is Made To Put Fire Apparatus Out offices in the country at that time, and Of Working Order

this state alone. About 20 years be-The local fire company was called fore 1819 there were only about 300 out last Wednesday morning at 11 o'post offices in the country; and now clock when fire threatened the little it would require some time to coun home of Sue Hines on-Wilson Street, a short distance off the Washington Road. Fire started around the flue, No one was at home and when neigh-OF MUMPS HERE bors discovered the blaze it had burn ed the flue supports and caused the Around 40 School Children bricks to fall to the floor. The neigh bors broke into the home and had the Are Being Held at Home fire under control when the fire com pany volunteers reached there. The fire damage was small.

With around 35 or 40 cases already An apparent plot to put the eported, it is feared that a mumps epiemic is in the making in this section. temporarily was discovered. The gas ested citizens in addition to welfare That many children are being held out of the local school on account of the mumps, and it is believed there are many others suffering the same ailthe engine to perform efficiently. Me-convenient one, but the relief official chanic Smith stated that some one had is making visits in a number of other ment. No alarming stage has been channe Smith stated that some one has is making visits in a making visit visit visits in a making visit v that it was believed to have been done before that time. sequences are expected to result in the way of closing the schools. Most of The first county council meeting of the cases are in the town, with a few ther, according to present plans. The matter will be investigated fur-

extended to all who will to attend.

county home management leader was elected at this meeting. Mrs. Bettie Higdon, of Parmele, will act in this "Broadway Rhapsody," the Variety will be based on "The small worms which are the larvae of midges and fungus gnats which

the Turnage Theatre, Washington, matinee and night; Thursday, March hope to have a day of spiritual worship Fulton and C. H. Brannon, of the and joy. You are invited.

The production offers a cast of Wednesday Service Will amed radio and stage stars headed

by the internationally known Gene The adult Bible Class will meet at 1932 and secured such good results Austin, American tenor, whose recordings have found their way into the rectory at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The Variety Guild was organized at the Church of the Advent Sunday, County Agent O. O. Dukes had Dr. only recently with the idea of bring- as the minister will be at St. Maring back to the people high class mu- tin's, Hamilton, for both morning and sical comedy entertainment, ridding evening services.

depraded the musical comedy into a m. servce March 1, Ash Wednesburlesque in the past few years. There day, the beginning of Lent. Further vass and sprinkles the napinalene are 100 members of the Variety Guild, announcement regarding Lenten servall of whom have gained national rec- ices will be given out soon.

In addition to Austin, other famous Increased Number of Beds stars will be seen in the opening Cause a Cloth Shortage show matinee and night next Thurs-

usual amount of cloth, but apparently the method are being done by the en-We are always refreshed and re- more and larger beds were prepared tomologist but in the meantime, they Have we divided with them? Though minded of the joys of life when we causing the cloth shortage. Several say Mr. Kinlaw evidently got good some of us have not had much, have see our genial friend, Bill Peele, the farmers were here yesterday to buy we shown the right spirit by sharing hard-working insurance man and a cloth, but could get none. Shipments our crust?

ladies' favorite. He is always alert were expected today, however. Short-God does not require the impossible to do some good deed to help a friend ages of cloth were also reported in of any one, but a church member can and his community. Only this morn several other towns in this section.

Bill With Jamesville

Services at the usual hours, and He declares prosperity is just be- 15 score, while the Jamesville girls se and that a half-day observance was sufficient.

MUST PREPARE TO RAISE OWN FOOD SUPPLY

Relief Official Will Speak at Courthouse Here This Afternoon

A more intensive welfare drive is ow in the making in this county, according to reports coming from welfare headquarters in Raleigh and here yesterday and today. While definite details have not been announced at this time, it is understood that the less fortunate will be called upon during the next few months to raise ther own food or suffer the consequences next fall and winter.

Charles Sheffield, assistant to Dean O. Schaub, of State College, and now connected with the state relief office, will outline the program in a talk at the courthouse here this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The outline of events planned by the governor's office of relief will be of much interest to the public generally and particularly to welfare workers and receivers of welfare aid. The public is invited to attend and hear the relief director discuss plans that might mean the salvation of the destitute in the future.

It is understood that Mr. Sheffild will discuss the operation of a sizeable garden here and provide seed and other farm necessities for the helpless in other parts of the county. He will go into detail and offer a definite outline in the operation of the proposed

Welfare work continues to progress at a rapid pace in the county, but the Red Cross store has about exhausted its supply of flour and cloth and will hardly open tomorrow. One hundred one of those hanging on the joists, and eighty barels of flour are expected within the next week or two, it was learned this morning.

> clinics are about completed at Oak City. Bear Grass, and Jamesville, with other-centers considering the holding

cussed by Mr. Sheffield here this aftfire- ernoon should be of interest and it is fighting apparatus out of commission hoped that a large number of intersupply had almost been cut off by workers and receivers of welfare aid some one, making it impossible for will hear him. The hour is not a very

NEW METHOD OF SAVING PLANTS

William R. Watson said this morn-Sunday school at 9:45. A cordial in Tobacco Will Keep

Christian Endeavor at 6:30. We beds in this State, find Dr. B. B. cause serious damage to many plant department of entomology at State college after investigating the practice of Ira Kinlaw, of the Howells-Mark Beginning of Lent ville Township in Robeson County.

There will be no church services this year. During the past week, Fulton and Mr. Brannon in the county to investigate the practice and see the shows of all vulgarity which has Special attention s called to the 11 if it were wise to recommend it genpounds to each 100 square yards of bed. Three applications are made over a period of ten days. The entomologists say the young

While nearly all tobacco plant beds larvae were inactive after treatment have been prepared and sowed, farm- and appeared to be dead. At any rate ers are now finding it difficult to se- there was no further damage nor was results last year and is apparently

Town Is At Least Half-way Patriotic Last Wednesday

The town is at least half-way patriotic. No flags were unfurled on the public streets here until noon on Plymouth divided a double-header Wednesday - George Washington's

The town employees just allowed a one-point margin victory by a 16 to that George was born about 1 o'clock

we are of others. While we have Prosperity Just Beyond the cure cloth to cover them with. Merbeen eating our bread and clothing Brink of River, Peele Says chants in this section stock about the Further research and observation of

ognition on both stage and radio.

2, will offer something new in enter-

tainment for the theatre-going public.

homes all over the world.

nets in the yellow waters and then Honesty among all church members dip out prosperity in the form of one with Jamesville at Roper last week, would bring less criticism on the of the finest foods in the wolrd—nice when the Plymouth boys nosed out The town employee