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ITS GOING TO BE HARD ON THOSE WHO NEGLECT TAX LISTING THIS MONTH

Ten Per Cent Will Be Added and in Addition Court Action Will Follow; Merchants Required to Give Inventories as of January 1 at Time of Listing Taxes; Lower Tax Rate Expected From Fair Listing of All Property

January is the month for listing taxes, and throughout North Carolina, many people will learn that there is to be great expense in ignoring this event. Throughout the state the public has become conscious of the many people who are beating their taxes, and they are demanding a showdown. The governing bodies of the various counties have met that challenge, and are going to do something about it this year, and the judges of the various courts are backing them up.

Under the old and careless system of listing taxes, large numbers of people paid no attention to the tax listing date. The law requires every person, to give in his property and poll, as of January 1, or to send his qualified agent, and under oath at that. Nobody ever heard of a tax lister administering an oath to the lister, and so much neglect resulted that half the people didn't bother to list.

Ten Per Cent Penalty

The confusion, and loss of taxables from the books became terrible. It caused many delays and troubles, and waste of time and paper. With some, it was a sly way of keeping the officials from knowing how much property they had accumulated since the last tax listing time. The list taker would copy the old list and let it go at that. Some might have doubted the value of their homes during the year, bought boats, cars, or other valuable property, and beat the counties out of the taxes.

This year, the Commissioners of Dare County, at least, will add a flat penalty of ten per cent on the abstract of every person who fails to list either in person or by agent. That means that a person whose taxes are usually \$25 a year, will have to pay \$2.50 extra. In no case will the penalty be lower than the minimum of \$1 provided by law on all taxes of \$10 or under.

Many people take the viewpoint that cars on which they are paying installments should not be listed for taxes, and neglect to list them. This is entirely incorrect. Such cars must be listed at their true value, by the purchaser; also other property similarly bought.

Persons having logs on the ground, or cut for selling must give them in, as well as owners of cotton in storage. Also, brick, lumber and building material on hand.

Merchants this year, must file an inventory as of January 1, showing the value of goods in stock, their book accounts, etc. Unless this is done, their listing will not be considered as complete and they become liable to prosecution.

Listers will be required to give an inventory of items of furniture in their homes and premises. This is necessary because many people have heretofore simply stated their property is worth less than \$300 in value. An erroneous idea prevails as to this. Not all furniture in the home is exempt. There is an exemption of \$300 but this applies only on the following property: Horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, registered dogs, poultry and rabbits, mowers, rakes, threshers and binders, tractors, wagons, carts, drills and planters, provisions of all kinds and other agricultural and mechanical machinery and implements, and only the following household and kitchen furniture: Silverware, clocks and watches, household and kitchen furniture such as beds, stoves, tables, dishes and chairs, clothing, libraries, medical and scientific equipment, tools of carpenters and mechanics, electric or ice refrigerators, washing machines and vacuum cleaners and other household electrical appliances.

When the value of such items have been totaled, \$300 may be deducted from same if in excess of that figure, and the remainder will be taxed as other property.

No Exemption Allowed

No exemption is allowed for radios and musical instruments, guns, pistols, diamonds, jewelry, sewing machines, bicycles, golf equipment, garage equipment, machines, cash registers, safes, neon signs, shoe shop equipment, saw mill equipment, vending machines, cameras, moving picture equipment, dairy and poultry equipment, garage equipment, pool room and bowling alley equipment.

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ENGELHARD BOY KILLED DURING CHRISTMAS HUNT

Bullet From Rifle of Companion Kills Ivy Deel Spencer

Ivy Deel Spencer, 21-year-old Engelhard young man, was killed Christmas afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, when a bullet accidentally fired from the rifle of the companion with whom he was hunting went through his head. He died shortly after the accident.

Young Spencer, his father-in-law, Thad Gibbs, and two friends Archie Neal and Elmer Spencer, were squirrel hunting in a woods near Engelhard when the accident occurred. A squirrel became lodged in the branches of a tree and when Elmer made an effort to dislodge it, his rifle was accidentally discharged and the bullet hit the Spencer boy.

Funeral services were held at the Fulford cemetery Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. DeShield, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Groce and the Rev. W. P. Armstrong, officiating. Interment was in the family plot in the cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Theola Gibbs, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Spencer and two sisters, Miss Nina Spencer and Mrs. Leslie Midgette, all of Engelhard.

MRS. SCHLEZ HOSTESS AT TURKEY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schlez entertained at a lovely turkey dinner at their home on Elm street last Sunday.

Guests present were Misses Julia Bond Dixon, Artemesia Harris, Edna Ray Yerby, Mrs. E. P. Cohoon Jr., and Roland Benton of Richmond, Va., J. D. Holloway, George M. Kelly, Jr., and E. P. Cohoon, Jr.

The Schlez home was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif, and the hostess presented favors to each guest.

Visit Here

Mrs. Clarence F. Coheon of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Walton Jennette of Elizabeth City, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jarvis.

PRETTY NEW SHOES CAUSE THIS BIRD TO CHIRP "PRETTY"

C. P. (Pat) McCormick was the happiest man in Tyrrell County during the past holiday season.

If happiest can be measured by the diabolical gleam within the eye, and if the squeaky purr of righteousness is included, then Pat was not only the happiest in Tyrrell, but in the whole wide world.

"I insist you take a look," was his command to the most amazed looking stranger, on up through the various classifications of relatives, and on until he encountered representatives of the press and coyly admitted with squeaks and squawks that he was "news."

Now according to journalistic teachings, if a dog bites a man nothing is ever said, but if a man bites a dog, then you've got something. But there is no record whatsoever to show that Pat McCormick was ever bitten by a dog, or a dog ever bit by Pat. So this automatically eliminates all the rules of journalistic teachings, and the only thing to do is "take a look" when God's gift to the world of mirth—i. e. Pat—piquantly orders you to do so.

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HYDE COUNTY BULL HITCHES SELF TO CART



NOAH JONES, aged Lake Landing Negro, who works around the home of County Accountant Ralph Roper, in Engelhard, has a most unusual bull, with whom he is shown in the above picture. The animal, who is six years old, hitches himself up to his cart without any help. The photograph is by M. A. Matthews.

Noah raised the bull from a small calf. He devoted much time to his chosen pet from the very beginning and it was the patient training and the love for the animal that made it possible to teach him to do the unusual trick of hitching himself up to his cart without help.

The old Negro is very proud of his bull and devotes a great deal of attention to caring for him. He loves to talk about the animal, and with a wide grin on his face, he tells all who will listen to him talk about the bull, that "he is my best partner."

He often earns money, having the animal hitch himself up. It is not unusual for someone, awed by the performance, to give him some small change. The old Negro also earns money hauling wood and doing other odd chores with the bull for the "white folks" in the community.

Noah is an interesting character, full of wit and humor. He gets

lots of fun telling tall stories. His favorite one is this: "I had a pet cat and dog, and for some reason or another they would get in a quarrel each evening about sundown. The dog would always run the cat up the 70 foot elm in the corner of my yard. One day the road surveyors came along and chopped the tree down so that they could build a nice road by my house. That evening the cat and dog had their usual quarrel and the cat ran for the tree. Finding it gone, she just gave a jump and hung up in the air where the tree used to be until the dog got pleased."

TWO ACCIDENTS MAR CHRISTMAS

Tragedy struck twice in Tyrrell during the Yule season, and served as the only black marks on an otherwise "calm" Christmas.

Last week little Elizabeth Hudson, 13, of Kilkenny was fatally shot in the stomach when a loaded gun her six year old cousin, David Brickhouse, accidentally fired while playing with it. She was the daughter of Mrs. Vice Hudson, and was buried last Thursday afternoon.

Second accident to occur, happened in Columbia last Thursday when Marian Adams, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, had his right eye seriously injured when a .22 rifle, with which he was playing, backfired. He was taken to a specialist Friday and his parents announced that the doctors revealed that he would not lose his vision.

TO SAVE TAXES

H. R. Leary, special tax auditor for Tyrrell County, announced that all defendants in tax suits in Gum Neck and Alligator townships could now pay the amount of taxes and costs to present time and save considerable additional costs and it is important they see Auditor Swain with the least possible delay and make full settlement.

SEND OFF PROGRAM PLANNED FOR FIRST TYRRELL DRAFTEES

Band Music and Speeches to Mark First Offering From Tyrrell For Army; Three Gum Neck Boys Get Tickets to Fort Bragg and One Year's Service in U. S. Armed Forces

The first offerings from Tyrrell County for Uncle Sam's growing army will be given a glorious send off and the blessings of the elders when they answer the call to arms next Tuesday morning.

The first from Tyrrell to be included in the national round-up of man power, will be three lads from Gum Neck who volunteered to take the year's training, and thereby saved those with low numbers drawn in the national lottery in Washington last November, from being included at this time.

The lads who will leave are Rufus Rose, 20, Lem Gibbs, 20, and Ellis Gibbs, 19, who were the first three in the county to appear before the local draft board for voluntary enlistment. At the present there are eleven names on the volunteer list.

Send Off

A royal send off has been assured the first men in that arrangements have been completed for the special occasion. The draft board met last Monday night and assured that the Columbia high school band would be on hand, and that short speeches would be made before the bus, which will take the boys to Fort Bragg and army life, pulls away from the station in Columbia.

Similar to the send off given by other counties who have already contributed to the call from Uncle Sam, the program will basically serve to let the draftees know that by going they are merely fulfilling the duty to their country, and are having the full approval of the people back home.

Upon arriving at Fort Bragg the three new members of the armed forces will go through the army examining boards, be assigned to a regiment according to their capabilities, and for the next twelve months will serve along with thousands of other lads from every section of the nation.

This, the first call to take any men from Tyrrell, is for white men only. The call for colored men will come within the next month or so according to present reports. There are also colored men included in the number now listed on the volunteer lists.

Questionnaires

During the next six months there is an estimated total of eighteen men who will be called from this county. During the past two months the Tyrrell draft board has been mailing out questionnaires and are rapidly classifying every man into one of four groups which will determine the order in which they will be called when the figures are sent from State headquarters in Raleigh.

Thus far, the board has reported only one case in which the questionnaires were not returned at the designated time, and such has been explained by the fact that the draftee—a Negro—has moved from the county since the registration, and his address has not been changed with the local officials. Cases arising from such instances have been reported in other counties, and several counties have taken out warrants for the individuals. No action has been taken in this case as yet.

New calls for men to go to the army will come just as soon as army officials can handle the new recruits, and just as soon as sufficient preparations for their housing and upkeep is brought to date.

In Jamesville

Mrs. Russell Everton spent Friday in Jamesville visiting Mrs. S. T. Everton.

Mrs. Paul Hogan of Norfolk, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knight.

BASE SITE TO BE NAMED SOON AS SPECULATION CONTINUES

Since the first day the Daily Advance, of Elizabeth City, built the public of Tyrrell up for an awful let down, the current crop of rumors as to the site of a proposed Naval Lighter-than-air base somewhere in this section, has constantly varied with so called official and unofficial sanction.

To top the eager list of speculative gossippers, reports this week from Washington, D. C., revealed that the site had been chosen by the navy group who made a flying tour of this section, and that their recommendation is now in the hands of the Secretary of the Navy, and that he will announce the decision within the near future.

Developments in the bid Tyrrell has made for the proposed base have officially remained dormant as far as information to the public is concerned, since the inspection made in the county by various navy officials several weeks back. The announcement that the official decision would be given within the near future has started new themes of speculation in circles vitally interested in getting the base in this county.

Grape-vine Gossip

Most popular current talk on the chances of the base coming to Tyrrell is said to have been brought to the county through the so-called "Navy grape-vine" system of finding out what is to take place, and which claims the decision now stands that the entire field of possible sites has been narrowed down to two, with one of these in Tyrrell.

The story is said to have come from Navy air officials who are in "the know," and that at present Tyrrell stands a fifty-fifty chance of getting the \$5,000,000 project within its borders. According to this story, the decision now rests with the Secretary of the Navy, and the appropriation of the money by Congress.

PLANS FOR FAIR IN TYRRELL BEING MADE FOR NEXT FALL

Firemen and Farm Group Listed as Favoring Event Here; Exhibits of Produce and Carnival Would Be New Event For County; Preliminary Arrangements Now Being Made

TYRRELL HOLDS CLEAN STATE TRAFFIC DEATHS

Only four of the 100 counties in North Carolina had not had a single traffic fatality charged against them when the highway safety division released its eleven-months summary last week, and 40 counties showed increases.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, stated that 108 fatalities in November brought to 851 the total for the first eleven months of 1940. This represented a two per cent increase over the 834 persons killed on North Carolina streets and highways the first eleven months of last year.

The four counties with clean records at the close of November were Clay, Gates, Mitchell and Tyrrell, all small counties. Two of these, Tyrrell and Gates, were among the six counties without a traffic fatality in 1939.

Dare County had one person killed in traffic accidents through November of this year, a 50 per cent decrease over the 2 killed in the county the first 11 months of 1939. Two killed on the bridge and reported from Currituck, actually were killed in Dare.

The largest increase was in Robeson County, where 38 were killed through November of this year, against 17 for the same period last year. Mecklenburg's 48 fatalities topped the state, followed in order by Robeson's 38, Guilford's 37, Forsyth's 34, Buncombe's 30, Cumberland's 28, Wake's 25, Gaston's 22, Harnett's 21 and Rowan's and Alamance's 19 each. These 11 counties accounted for 321 fatalities, or 0 per cent of the total.

For the state as a whole, fatalities by months were as follows: January, 69; February, 68; March, 55; April, 49; May, 63; June, 63; July, 66; August, 81; September, 111; October, 113; and November, 108.

Visits Father

Alva Combs of New York City is spending a few days with his father, S. M. Combs.

Returns to Raleigh

Billy Ward of Raleigh has returned after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Spruill.

No Site Named

Measuring the success of such on this basis it was thought by the officials of the fire department, that by adding the attraction of a carnival, plus the display of county products, that an exceptional crowd could be drawn and thus make such an annual event.

At present there has been no selection made for the site where a fair could be held, and officials are working on the idea now mainly from the viewpoint that if such is to be a success, it must be started early in the year.

A fair for Tyrrell, it has been pointed out, would be an entirely new order for the county. At present there are only a few travelling shows coming to the county during the year, and the establishment of an annual Tyrrell Fair would be a decided step in progress, and would place this section on par with other counties already having their own fairs.

Tyrrell Youths in CCC

Seven youths from Tyrrell will be enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corp next Monday, J. W. Hamilton of the county welfare office announced this week, if enough meeting requirements can be found.

The call for enrollment in the camps calls for five white youths and two colored, between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three. At the present date it is seemingly difficult to secure lads, with the probable cause listed as the decided spurt in employment due to the national defense program.

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Tentative plans are now being made in Tyrrell for the establishment of a county fair when next fall rolls around, and when local farmers and producers have their wares to put on exhibit.

Announcements of such a proposal being formulated came this week when leaders of the Columbia Fire Department and the county agent indicated the possibilities of such, and the probable merit in exhibits from an educational viewpoint.

The Columbia Fire Department, so present plans indicate, will serve as sponsor for the affair, and would offer some small carnival a concession at reasonable figures, and yet at such a price as to leave the fire-fighters a reasonable profit with which to buy more and needed equipment.

Farm Exhibits

To put the proposed show on local interest basis, the Farm Bureau would be called upon to stir up interest among the leading farmers in the county, and really put up an array of exhibits which would reveal the productive progress of the section during the next year. Concessions would be given free to the bureau.

H. H. Harris, county agent, indicated that he would be interested in the establishment of a Tyrrell Fair if he could be assured the event would not be turned into an excuse for bringing a carnival into the county by tying the farmer's name to it. He would expect appropriate space to be given exhibits of cattle, farm produce of every description and the general handiwork of the different farm and home organizations in the county.

If such a fair should be brought to the county, it was then agreed that the primary objective of such would be to give a fair display of the creative and productive work taking place within Tyrrell itself.

During the past fall, the Negroes of Tyrrell put on one of the best exhibits of their work that has been seen in this section in a number of years. They limited their exhibition to just one day and drew a crowd which packed and jammed every available nook in the Tyrrell Training School when the event took place.

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