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\$27,000 IS DUE TOWN ON TAXES FOR LAST YEAR

Paving Assessment of Approximately \$15,000 Also Must Be Paid Soon

CHIEF OF POLICE WANTS ALL DELINQUENTS TO PAY

Board Hesitates To Invoke Aid Of Law In Collecting But Will Be Compelled To Do So Unless Taxes Are Paid Now—Page Collected \$12,000 For Last Year.

Something near \$27,000 is due the town of Dunn by citizens of the town for 1921 taxes and approximately \$15,000 is due it for street paving assessments due since last year.

The \$27,000 represents the difference in the sum due when former Chief of Police Page began collecting last year's taxes and the nearly \$15,000 collected by him and City Clerk H. A. Parker. Mr. Page collected approximately \$12,000 of last year's taxes. About \$3,000 has been collected by Mr. H. A. Parker at such times as he could find from his many other duties.

Meantime, the town is hard up for ready cash to meet floating indebtedness and to pay interest on its bonds. Town officials have waited as long as they could to collect the remaining sums due. Now they are going after the delinquents in an effort to round up the entire sum as soon as possible.

They have, of course, the law on their side. They can get the money by process of law. But they hesitate to invoke the aid of the law if those who owe town taxes will call at the office of the chief of police and arrange to pay at once, much trouble will be saved.

Practically no paving assessments have been collected for several months. This was because the town commissioners found that they could give the payers a little more time than was strictly allowed by the law.

Now the town needs the money. It must be paid at once.

With the movie stars, fortune is their misfortune.

The early worm will soon get fished with.

CUMBERLAND MEN SCOUT IN GEORGIA

John A. Oates And R. W. Christian Tell Of Results Of Weevil Inquiry

"Cotton Growing Under Boll Weevil conditions" is the title of a 12-page leaflet gotten out by the National Bank of Fayetteville with the following introduction:

"Feeling that the farmers of the Cape Fear section would be interested in the 'facts' about the boll weevil, we asked Mr. E. W. Christian and Mr. John A. Oates to make a trip to Georgia and get some first hand information. They kindly consented to do so and we pass it on to you in their report which is printed below."

Messrs. Oates and Christian present the results of a careful and detailed inquiry. Their advice as to how to cope with the weevil is virtually the same as that of the State farm experts who have been writing in the News & Observer from time to time.

"The boll weevil," Messrs. Oates and Christian declare, "is the most serious pest now known to the cotton industry. The South in our opinion will continue to produce the greater part of the world's cotton crop in spite of boll weevil, but it will be considerably greater cost, and it will be far more difficult for the average farmer to succeed under boll weevil conditions. This insect will force a complete revolution of agricultural methods in the South. The man who will succeed best is the man who adapts himself most quickly to the new conditions."

"We do not advise anyone to quit cotton. This is one crop for which a market is always assured. Plant only such acreage in cotton as you can manage under boll weevil conditions and plant the very best seed you can obtain. Put in varieties well adapted to your section, varieties that are pedigreed, seed that came from a single stalk and has been carefully selected for a number of years. It is just as important for you to have pedigreed cotton seed as it has to have pedigreed horses, cattle, hogs, chickens or dogs. In addition to this grow all the meat and all the food crops you need for your farm."

JUDGE LANDIS PLANS TO TOUR THE SOUTH

Dictator of Organized Baseball To Devote More Time To Legion

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—Judge E. M. Landis, who announced his resignation from the Federal bench yesterday today told of his plans to devote more time to the American Legion besides his duties as the Supreme dictator of organized baseball.

"The American Legion is the greatest insurance policy this nation has," he said. "It is our standing guaranty of peace and liberty. I am deeply devoted to the Legion and shall help in whatever way I can."

Judge Landis said that one of the first things he will do when he leaves the bench will be to make a swing around the baseball training camps in the South. "I'm a rookie at this game myself," he said. "I want to study the training systems. There has been some complaint that promising rookies have not been given a fair show. Some of them claim that they have 'arrived' but are not given an opportunity to prove it. Some of them on the other hand, think that they have 'arrived' when they are not ripe. I want to have a look at this spring training system and study it."

PRESENTS RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

American Cotton Association Secures Data on Situation in The Belt

St. Matthews, S. C., Feb. 19.—The American Cotton Association recently mailed out a questionnaire to hundreds of leading farmers, bankers and allied business interests throughout the cotton belt to secure data on the present economic situation and the financial ability of the farmers to plant cotton, use commercial fertilizers and carry on their farming operations.

Replies to these questionnaires are coming in from all sections of the cotton belt reciting practically the same conditions in each section. The following are some of the results:

First. The cotton acreage for 1922 will either be decreased, or in any event, not in excess of the acreage planted in 1921, due principally to fear of the boll weevil.

Second. General and prevailing sentiment is strong for diversification on a more extended scale than heretofore.

Third. The farmers generally are unable to secure credits or supplies for planting an increased acreage in cotton.

Fourth. Financial resources and condition of local banks and supply merchants have improved but little in the past six months, and all credits will be most conservative.

Fifth. The debt-paying and purchasing powers of the farmers are practically at zero.

Sixth. Present conditions of farming operations are worse than in the spring of 1921.

Seventh. The purchase and use of commercial fertilizers for cotton this season will either be decreased or certainly not in excess of the amount spring of 1921.

110 BALES OF COTTON SOLD HERE MONDAY

Rise in Price Attracts Quantity From Country—Yard Assesses Mid-Season Activity—18c

With good cotton ranging up to 18 cents 110 bales of that stored on the surrounding farms found its way to market here yesterday and this morning it appeared that today's record would come close to some of the best days of midseason.

Most of the cotton received yesterday came in the afternoon and the yard looked as busy as it did on any Monday of October or November. Much cotton was sold here during the last days of last week when the market assumed a firmer tone, and the season's sales were brought up close to 15,000 bales, leaving, it is estimated, more than 10,000 bales still in the country and in warehouses.

The effect of the weevil in Georgia may be gathered from some figures made public by the two Cumberland investigators. L. F. Hathaway, of Dwiggis county told them that 12 bales to the plow was his average in 1920 and two bales to the plow in 1921 after the advent of the weevil. This latter figure, however, was without any special effort to control the weevil.

E. D. Tatum of Palmetto, Campbell county, reported that he was growing cotton successfully under the most severe conditions under the same climatic conditions as those of Cumberland county, North Carolina.

WILD CAT STOCKS TARGET OF NEW COLLEGE AGENCY

University Develops Correspondence Course To Protect Citizens Against Fraud

CAROLINIANS LOST MILLIONS LAST YEAR

New Course Includes Teaching Of Business English Designed To Be Of Practical Help To Those Who Write Business Letters—Only Small Fee Charged For Registration.

With the recent statement of Attorney General Daugherty that \$140,000,000.00 has been fleeced from the pockets of thoughtless Americans, added interest is attached to today's announcement by the University of North Carolina Extension Division of a correspondence course designed to teach citizens of the state the principles for sound investment.

In a recent speech before the Washington Kiwanis Club, Professor Walter J. Matherly of the University School of Commerce declared: "Last year North Carolinians were fleeced out of millions of dollars through fake investments. In order to detect these swindlers, something must be done to teach people when, where and how to invest their money and to spot fraudulent securities. When I get back to the University," said Professor Matherly, "I am going to develop a correspondence course on the subject of investments, which will give every North Carolinian the privilege of studying the principles of sound investment."

In this same field is a new course in business English, offered by A. C. Howell of the University faculty. This course is designed to be of practical help to any North Carolinian who would like to know how to write better business letters.

In announcing this course Mr. Howell said, "I have a friend who is engaged in business, being employed by the Standard Oil Company. He knows the business from the ground up but somehow, with all his knowledge, he has never advanced above the position of a minor executive. He could never understand the reason for this until one day he happened to read through a file of the manager's correspondence. Here he found the secret of his failure, for the manager's business letters were very different from his own. My friend," Mr. Howell explained, "was in the habit of using in every one of his letters such phrases as: 'We are in receipt of your favor,' or 'In regard to same, will state,' and trusting to have an early reply, we beg to remain.' But the manager's letters were more than mere form; they contained a personal note. My friend took a university correspondence course in Business English and learned to express his thoughts in clear, crisp English, and to put his personality and the personal touch into his letters. He has just been notified that in June he will receive a substantial advance both in position and salary. Thousands of business men," continued Mr. Howell, "are in exactly the same position as my friend was a few months ago, but they need not remain there long if they take advantage of every opportunity."

Concerning these announcements, Director Snell of the extension division states that in keeping with the extension policy of the University, registration for the above courses has been thrown open to all people living in North Carolina for a very small fee, as compared with that charged by commercial correspondence schools. He states that the courses in general economics, the short story, American history, community organization, and the psychology of advertising and industrial history are included in this ruling.

The Christian Endeavor Society had a most enjoyable social meeting with Mrs. Ellison Godard at the home of Mr. E. M. Pezall Monday evening, February 19th. Mrs. James Farthing and Miss Louise Dendy had charge of the entertainment and had arranged some very interesting games and stunts. One of the most attractive of the stunts was "Do what your heart dictates." Paper hearts were given to each person with this statement on one side and some stunts on the other side, which had to be performed by the person holding that heart. It proved very interesting when some had to display their knowledge of the scriptures by naming the books of the Bible while others had to exhibit dramatic ability by imitating some one present.

Several music selections by Mrs. Godard, Mrs. Farthing and Miss

BUNNLEVEL NEWEST OF HARNETT COUNTY TOWNS

L. A. Bethune First Mayor And J. W. Byrd, E. F. Truelove And J. McD. Parker Also Com.

Bunnlevel is the newest of Harnett's incorporated towns. Articles of incorporation were passed a short time ago and the mayor and board of commissioners are now compiling a set of town ordinances under the direction of Clifford and Townsend of Dunn.

L. A. Bethune is the town's first mayor and J. W. Byrd, E. F. Truelove and J. McD. Parker are its commissioners. They already have assumed their duties and Mayor Bethune was here yesterday arranging for the printing of the town stationery—warrants, letter paper, envelopes, etc.

Bunnlevel has 300 inhabitants and seven stores. It is situated on the Norfolk Southern Railway between Lillington and Lenoir. It is one of the most progressive of Harnett county's settlements and is a very important trading center.

The town has no bank as yet, but its citizens are planning the organization of one for the convenience of its large business and farming interests.

SALES TAX NOW GAINING IN FAVOR

Republicans To Meet Again Monday To Tackle Soldiers' Bonus Puzzle

Washington, Feb. 19.—The soldiers' bonus situation had simmered today following the first session from President Harding's suggestion that the adjusted compensation be financed by a sales tax or that the enactment of the legislation be postponed. There was, however, no apparent slackening of the determination of Republican House leaders to pass the measure as this session.

Majority members of the House ways and means committee were called to meet Monday to tackle the whole problem. They are expected to pass upon the legislative provisions of the measure before going into the question of ways and means of raising funds.

To Fight Sales Tax Proponent of a sales tax appeared to be confident that the Republican committee would decide on this form of taxation as a means of raising the approximately \$200,000,000 that would be needed to cover the cash payments as now provided for in the measure. It was certain, however, that the sales tax would not be voted in without a sharp fight.

It was said that any sales tax adopted would not be a general one. A manufacturers' tax similar to that proposed by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, and rejected by the Senate during consideration of the tax revision bill was one of the suggestions advanced. It was claimed that this tax at a rate of one per cent would raise the amount of money required.

Several other forms of a sales tax are known to be under consideration and it is not expected that there will be a hasty decision as to any of them. It was learned that treasury experts recently had prepared a form of sales tax which its farmers contend can be easily administered and can not be evaded.

Defies Analysis Whether a bonus bill with a sales tax attached could be put through the House still seemed to be a moot question, some leaders declaring that the situation in this respect was one defying analysis at this time. Meantime farm organizations continued their attack on this tax. Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, addressing a letter to each member of Congress, protesting against it.

"Taxes are now exceedingly high," the letter said, "and a sales tax would only mean further burden upon the average individual, and when we stop to consider that the average income of each man, woman and child in this country whose income is below the income tax level is only \$308 a year, the American Farm Bureau Federation believes it would be a rank injustice to raise further revenue for the soldiers' bonus by this method. It would take away from these people any prospect of accumulating a competence no matter how small and would blight their hope of bettering their conditions."

Show were given and Miss Ethel Hooks gave some very fine readings. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake served in attractive Valentine fashion were then enjoyed and after Mr. Pezall had given several old fashioned "iddle" selections, the guests left.

NATIONAL BANKS HAVE RESOURCES OF 19 BILLIONS

Show An Increase Of \$400,000,000 Of Figures For September

STATEMENT SHOWS SPLENDID CONDITION

Demonstrates That Peak Of Liquidation And Subsequent Depression Was Passed Somewhere Between September 6 And December 31 And That Trending Is Toward Improvement.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Resources of the national banks of the country exclusive of rediscounts amounting to \$19,420,000,000 at the last call on December 31 showed an increase of \$400,000,000 over the previous call in September according to an analysis issued tonight by Comptroller of the Currency Crisinger. The condition of the national banks in December he described as "very satisfactory" and called attention to the fact that until September their resources had more or less steadily declined from their peak of \$22,717,000,000 in December, 1919.

Conditions of the national banks as reported by Mr. Crisinger were said in a formal statement issued by the White House to show "the most satisfactory turn in the financial affairs of the country that has been registered by a bank statement since the conclusion of 1919."

"It demonstrates," the statement continued, "that the process of liquidation has been proceeding at such an excellent rate that it may fairly be said that we are well on the road to getting the 'frozen credits' thawed out. In this regard indeed, it is by far the most satisfactory showing that has been made since the phrase 'frozen credits' was invented.

"It must be borne in mind," the statement said, "that the national banks represent considerably less than half the total banking capacity of the country."

"Under the analysis, the figures indisputably demonstrate that the peak of liquidation and consequent depression was passed somewhere between September 6, last and December 31 last, and that trending has been steadily toward improving business and less reliance of business upon the support of the banks.

"Of precisely like tenor are recent advices from the war finance corporation, which reports a progressive liquidation of its loans and a general improvement of conditions in the agricultural industry. Recent stabilizations of prices for agricultural staples have brought the farmers to the point where they are able to realize something at least approximating costs of production, and can look forward hopefully to still further improvements in no very distant future."

Cotton spindles active during January numbered 15,650,718 compared with 14,785,198 in January last year.

Some people have to brag about their ancestors because they have no descendants to speak of.

DAWSON MAKES WAR ON SPEED DEMONS

Chief of Police On Warpath For Those Who Break Automobile Laws on Dunn Streets

Look out, speeders!

Chief Dawson is camping on your trail. One of your kind fell within his toils Sunday and this week he is on the watch for more of you. Warants for five of the ten are already out and will be served in time to bring men to court Thursday morning. The other five are not known, but the chief has their names and will get them as soon as their names can be gotten from the Secretary of State from whose office the license numbers were issued.

Paul Jones, Robert Monds, Zola Hodges, Charles Hodges and E. M. Justice are those for whom warrants have been issued. They were, the chief said yesterday, detected in exceeding the speed limit. They will have an opportunity to prove him incorrect when they go before Judge Godwin Thursday.

This is not the end. The police department is determined to put a stop to speeding in town. The chief will play no favorites. Whomever breaks the law will be pinched—if he is consistent of the fracture. Before next week-end he expects to have a sizeable ducket for the judge.

Doctors say a Detroit man who drank mercury by mistake will be up when the weather gets warmer.

REV. ELBERT N. JOHNSON



First Baptist Pastor Who Is Conducting Series Of Evangelistic Services Here.

ASSOCIATION MEN WORK SLOWLY TO COMPLETE PLANS

Merely Getting House in Order For Real Progress Later, Townsend Says

MARKETING PLAN WILL BE READY BY JULY 1

Twenty Of Money Offered By Sources Outside Of State To Finance Cotton Project, But Carolina Bankers Will Be Given Preference—Half Of Crop Pledged.

Feeling its way cautiously and taking no steps hastily. That is the way the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association is going ahead with its preparations to market all of the cotton placed in its hands after next July 1, according to Ben O. Townsend, secretary and treasurer of the association, who was here yesterday in the office of the General Utility Company trying to catch up with his private business after dealing more than a week solely to the affairs of the organization.

Progress of the association is pleased with his brother officers and the directors and feels that members of the association will be given the best service this body of men can give. "We are planning slowly," he said, "and are taking every precaution to guard against mistakes that might prove harmful after the organization begins to function. Now we are merely putting our house in order to prepare for the actual business of caring for the cotton grower's interests."

There is no doubt that the association will find money to amply finance its operations. Sources outside of the State have offered sufficient money to provide for every need, but the officials first will give the banking interests of North Carolina an opportunity to finance the project. Several Carolina bankers have expressed a willingness to join with their brothers in this project, and it is probable that some decision soon will be reached in the matter.

Meantime, solicitation of new members is going steadily ahead. Every cotton grower in the State is invited to join. All who are interested can get all of the information desired from the offices of the organization in Raleigh. Already growers of more than half the cotton crop of North Carolina have become members. Every other State organization in the cotton belt has made just as good a showing. More than half of the entire crop of the United States will be controlled by the affiliated associations.

Mr. Townsend was careful to emphasize the fact that the association is anxious to have cooperation of all business men in the cotton growing counties and to state that the association will be glad to cooperate with the business men, time merchants, he said, will do well to study the plans and methods of the organization. Then, he stated, they will understand that it is to their interest to aid the organization in every way possible.

Miss Parker Entertains Last Saturday evening at her home just north of Dunn Miss Mary Parker entertained in honor of her house guests, Misses Dora Monds and Beatie Weeks. The evening was spent most pleasantly with music and old fashioned games. Before the guests returned to their respective homes, delightful refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed Miss Parker's hospitality were:

Misses Dora Monds, Beatie Weeks, Vennie Lee, Pearl Barefoot, Elsie B. Barefoot, Willie Tart, Ethel Clifton, Maggie and Ethel Butler, Messrs. Motley Hodges, Paul Barefoot, Robert Lee, Willie Tart, Rufus Clifton, Johnnie Jackson, Malcolm Tart, Daniel Stewart and Johnnie Young.

SPECIAL MEETING IN PROGRESS AT FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. E. N. Johnson Preaches Evangelistic Sermons On Saving Grace

SAVED BY GRACE AND ONLY BY GRACE, HE SAYS

Series Started Last Sunday Morning And Will Continue Through Several Days—Services At 9:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.—Public Cordially Invited To Attend.

"Saved by grace and only by grace!"

That is the lesson being pounded home to Dunn folk this week by Rev. Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist church, who last Sunday morning started a series of evangelistic services in his church for the purpose of bringing folk nearer to God in their daily life.

The services will continue for several days. There will be two each day—9:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

Everybody is invited to attend. In a statement to the public, made through advertisements, Mr. Johnson has the following to say:

"Saved by grace and only through grace."

"Saved by grace through faith; it is the gift of God, and only the gift of God; not a reward to be sought; not a wage to be worked for; not a merchandise to be bought."

"Salvation by grace through faith, salvation the gift of God, 'not of works, but of good works; not by obedience, but for obedience; not by baptism (as act of obedience) but for baptism; not by church membership, but for membership; not by service, but for service; not by character, but unto good character; not by religion, past, present, future—all by grace."

"Present—freedom from the power of sin."

"Future—freedom from the presence of sin."

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

HARNETT COUNTY SHOWS INCREASE

Valuation Of Property Higher By Nearly Two Million Than In 1920

Of the 100 counties in North Carolina only seven in 1921 had more taxable property than they had in 1920, according to figures just published. And of these seven, Harnett was one, showing an increase of practically 8 per cent.

Does not that show Harnett to be in a prosperous condition?

Yes, it does not!

It is merely a condition growing out of what the various counties did or did not do to the Revaluation Act, after depression hit the State.

For instance: Johnston County had in 1920 a valuation of \$2,776,649 in 1921; Cumberland had \$22,284,922, and Sampson had 724,694,412.

In 1921 Johnston had reduced its valuation \$20,544,412 to \$48,772,227, Cumberland \$1,944,168 to \$20,280,634, and Sampson \$11,004,747 to \$22,597,656.

In other words the three counties closest akin to Harnett in the character of their wealth had their taxable wealth reduced \$22,595,225 for 1921 taxation.

Harnett, however, had its valuation increased from \$21,222,290 to \$22,597,656—an increase of \$1,375,366.

How come? What are all tax payers in the county want to know. They had paid or are due to pay \$266,924 in taxes for last year. Not any part of this is to go for State government expenses, for last year the Legislature ruled that no property tax was to be collected for State purposes.

That means that the schools, roads and county government of Harnett get the \$266,924.

In Averasboro Township last year lists of property for taxation were sold (tax) there would be a 25 per cent reduction in valuation. If this was carried out, Harnett is far along the road to wealth.

There's nothing to some books except a good title.

The worst thing about garden time is the man who says: "My wife planted French field potatoes."