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County's 1947 Tax Rate Reduced To \$1.50

County Tax Equalization Program Has Now Been Completed

By F. W. McGOWEN
County Accountant

The tax equalization program has been completed and a good job has been done.

The County Board of Equalization and Review has completed its work. About the same number of matters as usual were presented to the Board. This attests to the good work done by the Appraisal Committees.

The total valuation of the County will be approximately \$23,000,000.00, which is over \$4,000,000.00 more than it was last year.

The Board of County Commissioners after much consideration has fixed the 1947 county tax rate at \$1.50, which is 10c less than last year. It is expected that the tax rate will be further reduced in coming years when necessary repairs and additions are made to school buildings.

The Board endeavored to make the 1947 tax rate \$1.40, but after several meetings with the County Board of Education to discuss school needs the rate was established at \$1.50 - the additional 10c all going for schools.

Our 1947 tax rate is made up as follows: General County Fund 1.15; Poor Fund .05; Health Fund .07; Cost of Administration of OAA and ADC Funds .01%; County Debt Service .36; Old Age Assistance .06; Aid to Dependent Children .02; Aid to Blind .01%; Current Expense School Fund - County Supplement .23; Capital Outlay School Fund .38; Debt Service School Fund .15. TOTAL \$1.50.

Analysis of 1947 County property tax dollar - 10c of each dollar will be spent for: Board of Commissioners; Listing and Assessing taxes; Tax Collecting; Sheriff's Office, including deputies; General Elections and Primaries; County Accountant and Tax Supervisor; Maintenance and repairs of courthouse and grounds; Register of Deeds Office, including assistants; Coroner and Cost of Inquests; Forest Fire Protection; Maintenance and repairs of County Jail and maintenance of prisoners; A part of Cost of County Welfare Office; Farm and Home Agents, their Assistants, and repairs and maintenance of Agricultural Building; County Service Officer; Superior Courts, including Jurors and Fees; General County Court, including Officers and Clerks; Clerk Superior Court's Office, including Assistants; and County Library Service.

3.3c of each dollar will be spent for: County home inmates, who are boarded; Outside poor relief; Indigent pupils; Burial Expenses; Hospitalization of poor.

4.6c of each dollar will be spent

for: County health department, including various clinics held; Sanitation; Vital Statistics.

1c of each dollar will be spent for: A part of Cost of County Welfare Department in Administering Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children Funds.

4c of each dollar will be spent for: Old Age Assistance to needy persons who are 65 years or more of age.

1.4c of each dollar will be spent for: Aid to needy Children.

1c of each dollar will be spent for: Aid to needy Blind.

24c of each dollar will be spent for: Principal, and interest on outstanding debt of county (Total Debt outstanding is \$1,607,659.10. Total amount of principal due next fiscal year is \$94,759.10. Total amount of interest due next fiscal year is \$76,726.25).

15.3c of each dollar will be spent for: General Control expense not supplied by the State; Vocational Agriculture; Home Economics; Repairs to school buildings; Repairs and replacements: Furniture and Instructional Apparatus; Repairs and replacements: Heating lighting and plumbing; A part of Cost of Water, Lights and Fuel; Insurance on buildings and equipment; State Retirement Fund; A part of Cost of Dental Program.

25.4c of each dollar will be spent for: New Sites; New Buildings, Alterations and Additions to Old Buildings; New Furniture and Instructional Apparatus; New buses (not replacements, which are furnished by the state); Libraries; New equipment for Superintendent's Office; County Garage.

10c of each dollar will be spent for: Payment of principal, and interest on outstanding school debt. A little over one-half of our county tax dollar goes for schools.

If you have a farm, a house and lot, or personal property valued at \$2,000 on the tax books, your 1947 county taxes on same will be \$30. \$15.20 of this amount will be for schools; \$7.20 for County Debt Service; \$1.40 for health; \$3.20 for Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Aid to Blind and Poor Relief; and \$3 for all other expenses of the County, including salaries of all County Officers and Assistants.

If you are between the age of 21 and 50 years, your poll tax will be \$2; \$1.50 of this will be used for repairing school buildings, and 50c for poor relief.

If you pay \$1 tax on a male dog, and have him vaccinated against rabies, you will get credit for 75c on your dog tax. The other 25c will go for repairing public schools.



REV. L. C. PRATER, of Camp Hill, Alabama, is the new pastor at Outlaw's Bridge Church. He is a native of Texas. He served as Chaplain in the Army, 41 months of his service was in the Pacific. He will preach his first sermon on the second Sunday in June.

"AMONG US TAR HEELS"

By W. T. BOST
(Greensboro Daily News)

Raleigh - Scouts sending back word to possible candidates for governor made the doleful declaration that the Johnson bandwagon rolls, if not relentlessly, very merrily along.

The late Max Gardner had a saying almost as solemn as the Scriptures. "You can't buck a trend," Gardner said, referring especially to the inability of the Simmons organization to stop Kitchin in 1908; to the Kitchin organization in its futile effort to arrest the Simmons machine; to the incapacity of the Simmons machine to beat back Bickett whose trend was eight years old; to Gardner's failure to beat the Simmons forces when they chose to make a last stand against woman suffrage, and finally to the Bailey effort to stop a trend of his own making.

To be sure, "trends" can be bucked successfully, as Gardner himself could have testified. Once he bucked the sales tax trend and beat it. He would have had to surrender to it later, but he was not governor then. Still, trends are very hard to head off. Charlie Johnson's candidacy has become a tremendous swing. It has been gathering momentum eight years.

In 1940 he had many temptations to run for governor. Everybody was doing it, but he chose to let everybody do it. It wasn't his day in 1944, but that was a good time to slip in a word for 1948. Treasurer Johnson let his friends among the sheriffs, county commissioners, bankers, manufacturers, county and city governments keep up the talk. After the war some financing certainly would have to be done. The state would need a man who had known the feel of public money. The treasurer, it universally was agreed, knows it. That is the irresistible trend.

The treasurer showed rare good judgment in picking his turn to run. If times had called for an educational renaissance and a heaven-born orator to whoop 'em up, Candidate Johnson would have been at a disadvantage. A talkative man is all right in talking times.

It's the same old story of Bailey and McLean. Bailey had been boosting McLean for years. Indeed, the Raleigh lawyer tried to get him to run against Bickett in 1916, but that was war-time with America on the edge of it. McLean knew that a superlative speaker was needed. So, in 1924, after Bailey had boomed McLean and become a portion of a great trend, he hadn't a chance to stop the man whom he had helped to gain such impetus. The State knew in 1924 that what it needed was not an Aaron, like Bailey, but a Moses like McLean. That's exactly what had happened. Personalities are not counting now. These scouts send back word that the bandwagon is overtopped, but the public piles on because it wishes to be a passenger on it. To be sure, Johnson is a good speaker and will look a good deal better than the man he is running against.

Negro Driver Plows Into House

By MRS. STACY BRITT

Saturday morning at 1:15 Heliard Smith, of near Kenansville, driver of a truck owned by John Cameron, logger of Castle Hayne, formerly of Kenansville, lost control of the truck and ripped two telephone poles out before plowing into the side of the A. J. Strickland apartment on College Street in Warsaw, damage amounting to over \$500.

Smith, driving east toward Kenansville, at a high rate of speed, hit one pole then broke off a second pole before hitting the house. The terrific impact tore the outside apartment steps loose from the house and completely demolished the end of the front porch and foundation, the truck coming to a standstill on the porch.

Walker McNeil, who occupies the lower apartment, and his family were asleep in an adjoining room

and narrowly escaped injury. He rushed outside in time to have a few words with the negro, learning his name, before he fled in the darkness. Nearby residents, hearing the crash rushed to the scene and in company with Patrolman McColman and Policeman Rogers, searched the neighborhood but were unable to locate the fleeing negro.

Alex Matthis, of Warsaw, also an employe of Cameron, and who had been in company with the negro earlier in the evening, appeared on the scene and identified the truck. Officers went to the home of Smith's father, who promised to bring him to Warsaw as soon as he arrived. Saturday morning around 9 o'clock Smith gave himself up to officers at the Strickland residence and was placed in the County Jail. He posted a \$500 bond.

Warsaw Girl Graduates At North Carolina School For Deaf.

Among the 12 students to graduate from North Carolina School for Deaf at Morganton on May 28 was a young lady from Warsaw, Miss Frances Jones, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Ralph Jones, who entered school there in the fall of 1934.

Graduation exercises was held at eleven o'clock in the school auditorium which was filled to capacity. Diplomats were presented by Dr. H. E. Rondthaler, President of the Board of Directors. The address was given by Rev. M. George Henry, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church of Charlotte and was interpreted in sign by Rev. James Fortune of Durham. Rev. Fortune is an Episcopal minister but since he is the only regular minister to the deaf of this state, his services are somewhat nondenominational in character.

Miss Jones was an outstanding student. She was crowned May Queen at the May Day Celebration this year, being chosen by vote of the student body. She was Vice President of the Senior Class; President of the Tephra Club and Captain of the Basketball Team. Also

President of the Young Peoples' Meeting and Vice President of the Goodwill Literary Society.

In basketball she was selected on the all-tourney team, Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel Tournament last March after playing in only one game and made such a fine showing that she was chosen out of 900 for the star berth.

Three Graduate Same Year
The Sheriff and Mrs. Jones are proud of the unusual record of having three members of their family graduate this year.

The first to graduate was a daughter, Martha, who completed her nurse training at Grace Hospital in Richmond, Va., on February 24th, and became a Registered Nurse. The next was daughter Frances, who became deaf at the age of two years from Spinal Meningitis. The third was son G. I. Sam, who served overseas with the Second Armored Division, graduated from Campbell College May 28.

Sam will continue his study of medicine this fall at Wake Forest and Frances will enter Galludet College at Washington, D. C.

House Of Representatives Cuts Farmers Home Administration Funds

By MARION C. HOLLAND
FHA Supervisor

The lower house of congress last week cut Administration funds for the Farmers Home Administration 40% below what the President had recommended for the fiscal year 1947-48 which begins July 1, 1947.

The House cut the amount of money available for operating loans, that is loans for farmers to meet farm operating and family living expenses, 33 1-3%. During the present year, approximately 400 farmers in Duplin County obtained loans of this type with which to meet their 1947 operating expenses.

No money was appropriated for farmers to borrow to buy farms for themselves under what was known as the Farm Ownership

program. Under this program, 53 families have bought farms in Duplin County. Twenty of them have already made final payment on their farms. In general, the remaining 33 are ahead of schedule on their repayments. Neither was there any money appropriated in this category for returning veterans to buy farms.

In view of this drastic cut, the organization is reducing employes in the counties and in Washington to come within this budget before July 1, 1947 which means that approximately 40% of the present employes will be dropped by July 1, 1947. It is anticipated that this cut will seriously hamper the program as it has previously been administered.

Movies Made Here In Kenansville

Kenansville and the Miller Community were literally in the lime light Wednesday and Thursday when it was the center of movie making for the State Board of Health showing the work of the organizations that are working for better health in North Carolina such as the doctors, druggists and various health departments.

These movies show what they are doing and what service the public can be rendered to make North Carolina a healthier place. They also show how much health-lives offered and some of the things we need to make it a healthier state in which to live.

Some of the local patrons at Kenansville who took part in the picture were Messrs. H. C. Dail, N. B. Boney, Cecil Dail, P. R. Stephens, Ernest Dail, Dr. G. V. Goding, Fredrick and Benny Daugherty and Mrs. J. C. Dail and daughter Betty.

the health of our neighbor.
Mr. Williams, a central character representing a normal North Carolina citizen, is played by Dr. J. O. Bailey of Chapel Hill. The director of the picture was Gordon Weisen

hour of Chicago who has been working on a series of pictures for the United Nations. Cameraman was Fred Porrett who has done lots of Hollywood background shooting and has done pictures about health in Latin America and Alaska. George Stoney, script writer, is from Winston-Salem. All of these men work for the Southern Educational Film Production Service, connected with the University of Georgia.

This troop will be in Duplin County for about two days getting scenes in the health department and in the town of Kenansville and in the Miller Community.

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Chained in Her Room



CONNEAUTVILLE, PA.—Mary Mehalko, 20, is shown as she was found by the police, chained to a chair in her bedroom. The girl's father, Charles Mehalko, 45, who was arrested on charges of cruelty to a minor, chained the girl to prevent her from eloping with Raymond Smith, of nearby Kerrtown. Mary furnished bail for her father shortly after he was jailed.

Hattie Gavin Back In Jail On Abortion Charge

Hattie Gavin, Warsaw Negro woman, is back in jail awaiting hearing before Justice of the Peace C. B. Sitterton here Friday afternoon June 6th. Hattie is charged with performing an abortion at her home recently in Warsaw on a colored girl from Rose Hill.

State FBI officers are investigating three and possibly more cases in the county this week, according to Sheriff's officers.

Hattie was already released under a \$2,500 bond on charges of performing an abortion on a Guilford County Negro, who died as a result recently.

Gen. Deavers To Speak At Legion Convention

Carolina Beach — General Jacob L. Deavers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces and one of the most colorful military men in the nation's history, will deliver the main address during the North Carolina American Legion's June 14-17 convention at Carolina Beach.

The four-star general will make his speech at 11:05 A. M. Monday, June 16.

Gen. Deavers was named commanding general of the U. S. Forces in the European Theater in May 1943. Between then and the war's end he became commander of the North African Theater, deputy commander-in-chief of Allied Forces Headquarters, deputy supreme allied commander of the Mediterranean Theater and commander of the Sixth Army Group in France. In June of 1945 he succeeded Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, the position he now holds.

Mrs. Roy H. Cates

Mrs. Roy H. Cates died of a heart attack Sunday at 5:30 a. m. She was a leader in religious and social activities in her community. Funeral services were held from St. Gabriel Church at 1 p. m. Monday, with the Rev. Robert Kellerman, officiating. Burial was in the Phillips Chapel cemetery in Alamance County at 4:30. Surviving are her husband; four sisters, Cliff, Lela and Katherine Mable of Deacatur, Ga., and Mrs. June Cromartie of Elizabethtown.

Infested Areas To Get DDT.

The N. C. State Department of Agriculture and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, and Plant Quarantine are conducting a campaign to control

to control infestations of the Japanese beetle which occur in relatively light numbers in various places.

Modern mist blowers will be used to apply DDT to the foliage in the vicinity of known infestations. The use of these blowers makes it possible to disperse relatively small amounts of DDT solution over extensive leaf areas, and the mist is carried in air blasts from the turbine blowers. The State is furnishing the labor and material, and the

special machines and operators are provided by the Federal Bureau of Entomology. It is hoped that one application will be made to the foliage at about the time of beetle emergence. According to field tests during 1945 and 1946, the DDT solution applied in this way leaves a residue which is effective for a period of from two to three weeks. In some cases it may be necessary to make a second application.

L. F. Weeks, County Agent, asks property owners and residents to participate with the State and Federal Government in this beneficial work by giving them permission to apply the material to foliage on their premises. No direct applications will be made to forage crops, grazing areas or home vegetable gardens.

It may not be possible to apply this material with machines in all areas, especially in rear yards of some residential sections. Residents who wish to apply DDT may secure a 10% dust at local stores and apply with hand dusters. The dust is an effective control but should be reapplied after rain, if necessary. Should you desire further information please communicate with your County Agent.

County Agent's Office

L. F. WEEKS

Arrangements have been made for Duplin County Tobacco Growers to visit the Oxford Experiment Station on the afternoon of July 7

On this trip the tobacco growers will see the results of the many varieties and fertilizer tests that are being conducted at the Station. Someone will be present to explain the different experiments and give results of the tests. The various methods of curing tobacco will also be studied. Those who prefer making this trip by special bus may do so by notifying the County Agent's Office and arrangements will be made for bus transportation. This will be a one day trip.

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Thanks, Folks

The family of E. A. Newton wishes to express their thanks to the people of Kenansville in putting out the fire that broke in their garage on Wednesday.

1947 Combines And Threshers Must Get Permit

Operators of combines and threshing machines in Duplin are reminded that they are required to obtain permits to operate in North Carolina. The permits are obtained through the Register of Deeds Office. There is a fee of 50c for these permits. Handy daily record books are provided along with forms on which to report the acreage threshed and bushels obtained from this acreage.

Farmers and businessmen need information resulting from these records to make plans for better and safer farming. Also, agricultural leaders need totals and averages for general program planning. The State Threshers' Law is the means for getting such information on small grains.

The purpose of this law is for information and not for revenue. It seeks cooperative aid and interest and not compulsion or resentment. Reliable plans must be developed from information originating at the farms; thus, the threshers' records provide the best basis for county grain statistics for program planning usage. The source and usage is within the county itself. Operators must obtain: (1) Permit or license card; (2) Daily record book; and (3) Report blanks upon which to report their entire operations for the season. Private and public

Ex Gov. Broughton To Speak In Duplin June 15, 2:30 P. M.

Home Coming Day at Bear Marsh Baptist Church will be held on June 15, beginning at 10:00 A. M. A sermon by a former pastor, Rev. J. M. Duncan of Murfreesboro, will be preached at 11:00 A. M. For the afternoon program the former Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh will speak at 2:30. There will be special music during the day.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

Church Bulletin

Methodist Church Program, Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor, Sunday School 10 A. M. Worship Service 11 A. M. Youth Fellowship 7 P. M. Vacation Bible School June 9-13 at 9 A. M. for ages 4-14. Rev. Robert Nick, a Duke University student, will preach Sunday morning and assist in Bible School.

Church Bulletin

The preaching schedule for the Duplin Methodist Circuit for Sunday, June 8 is as follows: Kenansville, 11:15 A. M. Warsaw, 11:15 A. M. Rose Hill, 11:15 A. M. The church thought it would be a good idea to have a special service on Sunday, June 8, at 11:15 A. M. The service will be held at the Kenansville church. The service will be held at the Kenansville church. The service will be held at the Kenansville church.