

# 16 Wayne Parcels Sold For Taxes In 13 Yrs.

In the past 13 years, only 16 parcels of property have been sold in Wayne County because of tax delinquency, and 14 different people have purchased the land.

Two people each purchased two parcels. In the majority of cases where property is put up for sale due to delinquency of taxes, those owing will pay and the sale will be stopped.

According to records at the Wayne County Courthouse, most of the property sold was at a price above its assessed value. The assessed value is 60 per cent of the market value in 1932. This could decrease or increase depending upon the location.

The News-Argus picked three cases at random and checked on values and sale prices.

In October, 1934, Eddie Swinson purchased a lot on Poplar St. The assessed value of the land was \$320, making the actual value \$533. At the time it was sold for \$1210.

## Attends Alumnae Supper

Mrs. George V. Penney, of Kenansville, has returned home after attending the Hospitality Week alumnae supper at Meredith College, in Raleigh. Her daughter, Laura, is a member of the Meredith freshman class.

## How To Treat

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work the material into the soil. (b) There are only parts of the field need re-setting, use Dioxin in the setting water at the rate of 4 ounces of 20% Dioxin in 50 gallons of water. This practice and formula has not been thoroughly checked, and there may be a slight change of plant injury from transplant water solution.

Growers should observe a 2-day interval between the broadcast application of parathion and re-setting the field due to the toxicity of this material. Dioxin is a safer material to use and a 1-day interval will be sufficient.

The insecticide should be covered immediately after application because these materials are volatile (escape as a gas when the soil surface is hot). Growers may wish to re-adjust their equipment so as to obtain the raw, fertilization, etc. It seems logical that re-making the row immediately after surface application of the insecticide should give adequate mixing of the insecticide in the soil.

Parathion is extremely toxic and all precautions on the label should be followed when handling and using this material.

In February, 1937, Frederick A. Cooke purchased property assessed at \$300 giving a market value of \$600. The property was sold for \$1,310.

Charles P. Gaylor, judge of Wayne County Court, purchased a lot with an assessed value of \$150, and a market value of \$250, for \$100, in August, 1939.

The county's only worry about the sale is that it gets the tax owed from the sale. Bidding must start at these figures, and the final sale price is accepted with the approval of the court.

When taxes have not been paid on a piece of property in some time, the county has the legal right to enter action in Superior Court asking that the property be sold at public auction, if the court so rules, a member of the board of commissioners is appointed to be in charge of the sale.

When the sale is made, the county takes the amount due on the taxes from the sale price, and the balance is turned over to the original owner.

All of the sales are advertised for a month in the newspaper.

In many cases, no one shows up to bid on property, and the county purchases it. A new deed, however, is not made out, and the property remains deeded to the owner. He may claim his deed by paying the taxes.

The last sale was held in February, 1930.

## Duplin Taxes

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tains should have known what was going on. If he didn't, then what is he doing on the board?

Cavanaugh has a list of several separate transactions involving tax-distressed properties sold by Phillips, mostly to his brother and one to his wife. He said he is arranging to publish the list in a handbill and that he already had shown it to a number of people.

A check by this newspaper of the Commissioners' official minutes, and of recorded deeds of distress properties, revealed the following:

On last April 16, the Commissioners met and talked over the matter. The minutes for that day read:

"A discussion was had regarding complaints which have arisen from several real property tax foreclosures by the County. It was pointed out that in several cases real property had been sold by the Tax Commissioner for unpaid taxes for sums far less than the true market value of the property. It was pointed out that one of the major complaints had been that the land to be sold for taxes had been described in advertisement only by book and page numbers and that

the description by book and page only had not been sufficient to give the general public knowledge as to which tracts of land were being sold. It was found that one hearing had been held to set aside one such tax deed, and that other such hearings are pending. It was pointed out that one tract of land had been deeded by the Tax Collector, as Commissioner, to his wife for a sum far below the true value of the property. Purchasers at most of the tax sales had been W. E. Stout, real estate dealer at Wallace, and Tommie Phillips, real estate dealer from Warsaw.

### Attorney Called In

"The Board decided to invite Russell J. Lanier, tax attorney to meet with the Board to discuss a plan which would result in the termination of tax sales for amounts below the true values of the property being sold."

"Russell J. Lanier, tax attorney, met with the Board for a discussion of tax foreclosure sales. The Board requested that in the future the tax attorney notify each county commissioner when he reports a sale of land for taxes in the commissioner's district. This will give each commissioner an opportunity to check the sale price of the property against the true value of such property to the end that no further sales be confirmed by the county for amounts which are far less than the actual value of the property being sold."

An examination of the records of the Register of Deeds and the Tax Supervisor revealed these examples of tax sales referred to by the Commissioners in their minutes:

In Book 561, page 615, is recorded a tax deed from Harry L. Phillips, commissioner, to Betty W. Phillips. The land involved is in Rockfish Township and belonged to Nellie Newkirk Crumpler. Its appraised tax value in 1931 was \$1,013. It was bought by Mrs. Phillips for \$139.69.

In Book 556, page 193, is a tax deed from Harry L. Phillips, commissioner, to Tommie Phillips, formerly belonged to Jim H. Best. Its 1931 appraised tax value was \$894, and it was sold for \$97.82.

Another deed to Tommie Phillips from his brother, Harry, as tax commissioner, is recorded in Book 556, page 135, and deeds property in Warsaw Township belonging to Jack Williams and appraised for tax purposes in 1931 at \$1,266. It was sold under the deed for \$198.04.

All of the above transactions took place between October 5, 1931, and action of the board of commissioners last April 16.

Mrs. Wells, county attorney, said she knew nothing of them until one came to her attention when the county was made a party to an action. She called it to the board's attention and suggested action. She explained that tax sales are handled by a specifically employed attorney, Russell J. Lanier.

### Services Provided By Christmas Seals

Services provided to Duplin County when an individual purchases Christmas Seals are many. The following accomplishments were made in 1931-32:

Patient service—Fajamas, robes, etc. were furnished to indigent patients entering the sanatorium. Work was done at McCain for the approximately 50 children under 11 to make life easier and more enjoyable. The association donated \$50 toward the expense of hiring a play supervisor and buying recreation equipment which made the children happier and naturally contributed greatly toward



The engagement of Miss Judy Dell Wallace, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Wallace and the late Mr. Wallace of Albemarle, N. C., to Mr. Victor Fountain is announced by her mother. Mr. Fountain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Fountain of Chinquapin, N. C. A July 24th wedding is planned.

Research - \$200 was contributed to N. C. research one of which is now testing a vaccine for TB.

Rehabilitation - funds were provided to help TB patients at home to start a craft. Many of these patients with the small start the TB Association provides earn their money. Arrangements were made with the rehab officer to aid local ex-TB patients.

The Duplin TB Association wishes to thank each and everyone who buys and uses Christmas Seals because without Christmas Seal dollars none of this work could be accomplished.

Free X-rays are now given each Wednesday from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Local Health Department.

Improved health - Seasonal cards and Christmas presents were sent to all the children from Duplin and to the adults who otherwise would not have had any Christmas. Scraps of material were collected and sent to McCain for the patients to use in occupational therapy.

Health education - programs and materials were used in clubs and schools and individual help was given to students doing papers on tuberculosis.

Case Finding - through the combined efforts of the TB Association and Health Department tuberculosis testing was done on all first grade students and free x-rays provided for everyone. 109 TB patients were checked in the chest clinic held monthly by N. C. Sanatorium doctor. Without this clinic which is held at the Health Department these patients would have had to make a trip to McCain.

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# Gail Newton Awarded Artist Diploma Believed To Be First To N. C. Pianist

Raleigh on Monday evening, May 14, the Meredith College department of music presented Miss Gail Newton, pianist, of Kenansville, in her graduation recital in the college auditorium.

For Miss Newton, it was her fifth recital in her five years at Meredith. She is receiving her second degree this year, the Bachelor of Music, after having received her Bachelor of Arts just a year ago.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newton, of Kenansville, she has been chosen, since in her first year at Meredith, as soloist for the annual summer music school, as soloist for the annual concert of the Raleigh Piano Ensemble, and on many occasions over the state.

Her personal popularity, in Raleigh, is attested by the year she just has completed as "Miss Raleigh," and her state award of first runner-up to the "Miss North Carolina" of 1931-32.

Miss Newton is the pupil of Stuart Pratt, head of the piano faculty at Meredith. A piano award just received by this student has her teacher, as well as the honoree, most elated: "The Artist Diploma" the highest piano honor in the nation. It is accorded by the American Guild of Pianists; and it is thought that this is the first time it has ever been given to a North Carolina pianist.

Gail chose for her Monday evening recital, Beethoven's, her sister, Mrs. Victor Eugene Morrow, the former

# James' Campaign For Sheriff Is Busy; Enjoys Visiting Friends, Acquaintances

As the May 26 primary nears, Roland C. James has put his campaign for the Democratic nomination as sheriff of Duplin County in high gear and like all other candidates, is busy trying to visit the various communities of the county before election time.

Mr. James 41 years of age says this is one of the most pleasant tasks he has had since announcing his candidacy several weeks ago, visiting with old friends and acquaintances throughout the Duplin area and making new ones.

A life-long resident of Route 2, Wallace, is presently the owner and operator of a used car firm, but has been engaged in farming most of his life. He is the son of Mrs. Rudolph James and the late Mr. James of Route 2, Wallace. Mr. James said he has been a staunch Democrat since 1916 when he first registered at the age of 25.

His wife is the former Lucy Grey English, daughter of Mr. and

When robins pick their heads searching for worms in the ground, they are looking - not listening. Lacking bifocal vision, the birds can best see what a single eye is pointed.

As a candidate for sheriff, I pledge to the people of Duplin County one hundred per cent of my time, effort and ability. If I am elected as your sheriff, I will work diligently for good government in our county and will strive always to make the Duplin County Sheriff's Department an efficient law enforcement agency. In the event of my election, I trust that at the end of my term in office, my record will be my greatest monument.

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## Registered Jerseys Receives Rating

The Registered Jersey cow or ewe owned by Melvin Cording, Wallace, have recently completed official production records giving them cow power index ratings. This rating indicates how many times

their body weight in milk they have produced during their recent lactation. Twice daily 305 day milking mature equivalent is:

Name of Cow	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Fat	Days	Index Rating
D F Foster's Sylvia	10,435	479	305	10.7
Mermaid Oxford Sarah	10,239	499	302	10.9
Mermaid Vive Apollo's Valerie	10,877	496	275	10.3
Mermaid Vive Wonderful Daisy	11,757	587	305	11.1
Mermaid Beacon Sensation	10,394	441	305	11.0

These records are further proof that a dairy cow does not have to be big to be most efficient and profitable.

Realizing that we must obtain all the efficiency possible under today's dairying conditions, the American Jersey Cattle Club launched their cow power program as another service for owners of registered Jerseys.

I am not obligated to anybody.

I am not spending anybody's money except the money I have earned.

I have turned down approximately \$2,500 people have offered to give me.

BECAUSE: If I am elected I will not be obligated to the people that offered me the money.

It will be the peoples vote that make me the Sheriff

I am backing my own campaign.

I hope I can get around to see all the people but if I can't be sure and...

**VOTE**

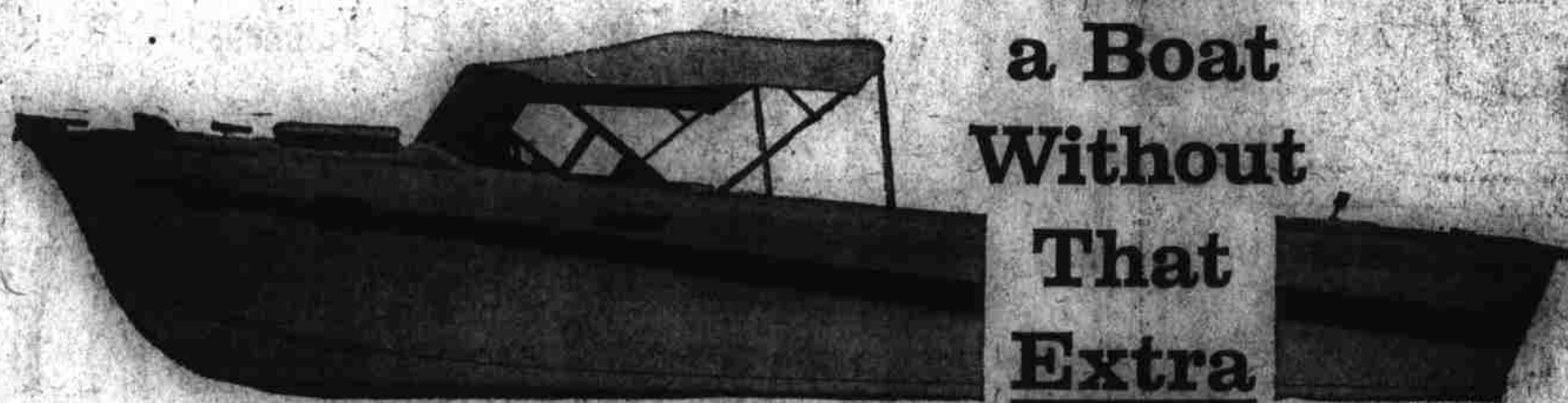
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For Sheriff

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