

# COUNTY TAX ERROR RECENT DISCOVERY

QUICK ACTION IS NECESSARY  
TO PREVENT CURTAILMENT  
OF SCHOOL TERMS.

## INITIAL LEVY OF 32 CENTS

A Number of Counties Have Grievously  
Miscalculated Amount of Levy  
Required to Insure State Aid.

Raleigh, N. C.—Information is coming to the state department of education that in the levying of the school tax in some of the counties a serious error is being committed that will either curtail the school terms to three or four months or cause immediate and radical readjustment of the school tax levy.

State Superintendent Brooks is calling on the county superintendents of schools to investigate as to their counties at once and see that there are readjustments on proper basis where the error that is causing the trouble has been committed.

The state law provides a 32-cent tax for schools and then enables the counties to levy an additional county tax up to 35 cents, whatever is necessary to meet the requirements and assure the county's share so that the state tax can be paid over in prescribed ratio. The reports to the state department indicate that numbers of the counties have made the mistake of only levying a county school tax that will make the whole school tax, state and county 35 cents, instead of the possible 67 cents.

### North Carolina Casualty.

In the casualty list released, among the casualties reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces occurs the name of Private Wm. E. Baker, of Hamilton, N. C., died of disease.

Total number of casualties to date:	
Killed in action	34,571
Died from wounds	13,954
Died of disease	23,660
Died of accident and other causes	5,292
Wounded in action (over 85 per cent returned)	214,412
Missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned)	2
Total to date	291,891

### Webb Sure of Judgment.

Washington (Special)—While the report of the inspector has not been made public, Senator Overman has been apprised that the Department of Justice has completed its investigation into the competency and fitness of Judge James E. Boyd, Federal judge in the western district, and that as a result of this investigation there is no longer any doubt about the appointment and confirmation of Representative E. Yates Webb.

### Enrollment May Reach 1,200.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, held in the governor's office, President Chase stated that 415 new students had already presented certificates for entrance this fall. He anticipates a total enrollment of something more than 1,200 at the opening on September 30th.

### Check for Inheritance Tax.

A check for \$26,334.84 inheritance tax has been received by the State of North Carolina from a non-resident who held property in the form of corporation stock in this state. The Corporation Commission got on the trail of the big tax money when a transfer of stock was asked for and Mr. R. O. Self, now chief clerk of the commission, dug up the coin for the state.

### American Legion Sunday.

Sunday, November 9, will be American Legion Sunday, on which ministers all over the country will be asked to devote a part of their sermons to the work of this legion.

### Want Phone Rates to Stand.

The Corporation Commission set September 30 for a hearing of the representatives of the Southern Bell Telephone company on petition for a formal order to continue in force rates allowed by government, under government control. The hearing will take place at 3 o'clock.

Another hearing is to precede the Southern Bell appointment for the day. At 11 o'clock Black Mountain people will be here before the commission on the matter of telephone and electric light rates.

### Raleigh Most Lawless City.

Declarations made by Dr. Weston R. Bruner, pastor, in a sermon at Tabernacle Baptist church that Raleigh is one of the most lawless for its size that he ever knew, are likely to be called for proof, if proof there be, in the police, city court and general municipal circles today counts for anything. Dr. Bruner's contention was that he knows of no city the size of Raleigh where the spirit of lawlessness is more in evidence and harder to control or curb.

### Epidemic of Typhoid.

Thirty-one cases of typhoid fever near Denver, Lincoln county, called Dr. F. M. Register, epidemiologist, there to take charge of the first real outbreak of typhoid fever reported this summer.

The physician's facts are meager, but the reports show the stricken men to be all in a close community 18 miles from a drug store and poorly fixed for treatment. The outbreak is traced to a spring in the vicinity. No deaths have been reported, but it is very probable that some have occurred.

Lincoln put on its vaccination campaign this year and 1,000 were immunized. But this was a very small percentage of the population. Dr. Register will put on anew the vaccination campaign and see if the number vaccinated cannot be quadrupled in a short while.

Similarly, he hopes that other counties, which constitute a small percentage of the whole, will renew their fight. Substantial results have been gained in the reduction of the typhoid death rate. This was to have been the banner year and the health department hopes to make it so in the face of epidemic.

### School of Fertilizers.

It is claimed that the Southern Fertilizer Association is the first industry in this country to send its entire sales force to college for the purpose of special training in service to their customers. The North Carolina Agricultural and Engineering College at Raleigh has been selected as one of four agricultural institutions of the south to which fertilizer salesmen will be sent for a week's short course. All salesmen from Virginia and North Carolina are to attend this school, and hear lectures from the members of the staff of the agricultural college, also addresses from visitors from other agricultural colleges in the territory.

### Poor Pay and Slow Promotion.

Washington (Special)—After fifteen unbroken years—quite a span where fidelity to duty and loyalty to an individual are interwoven—John W. Brown has resigned as clerk to Senator Lee S. Overman.

Effective, October 1, Mr. Brown returns to his home in Salisbury as secretary to the Brown Realty and Insurance Company. Inadequate pay for government clerks and a future where promotion is uncertain are reasons assigned for his resignation.

### Better Pay for Postoffice Clerks.

Washington (Special)—A measure of financial relief for postoffice clerks and postal employes throughout North Carolina is promised following the visit to Washington of a committee representing the North Carolina Postmasters' Association. Senator Townsend, chairman of the senate postoffice committee, informed the Tar Heel delegation that his committee would move to give salary increases to the lower paid employes.

### May Retain Employment Service.

Commissioner of Labor Shipman, just back from Baltimore where he attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, in its 100th convention, and Washington, where he conferred with the department of labor and census bureau, says he is assured that his department of labor will have the advantages again this year of co-operation with the federal census bureau in the gathering of industrial statistics and that, in his capacity as federal director in this state for the employment service, he will be able to maintain the branch offices.

### Paying War Risk Claims.

Washington (Special)—North Carolina families are being paid \$24,322,160 in war risk insurance claims by Uncle Sam. He is making restitution to those whose sons and husbands died in the service of their country during the greatest war of all times.

There are 2,784 insurance claims being paid in North Carolina through the bureau of war risk insurance to beneficiaries named at the time application for insurance was made by soldiers, sailors and marines, now dead. The average policy carried by these 2,784 men was \$8,740.

### District Offices Organized.

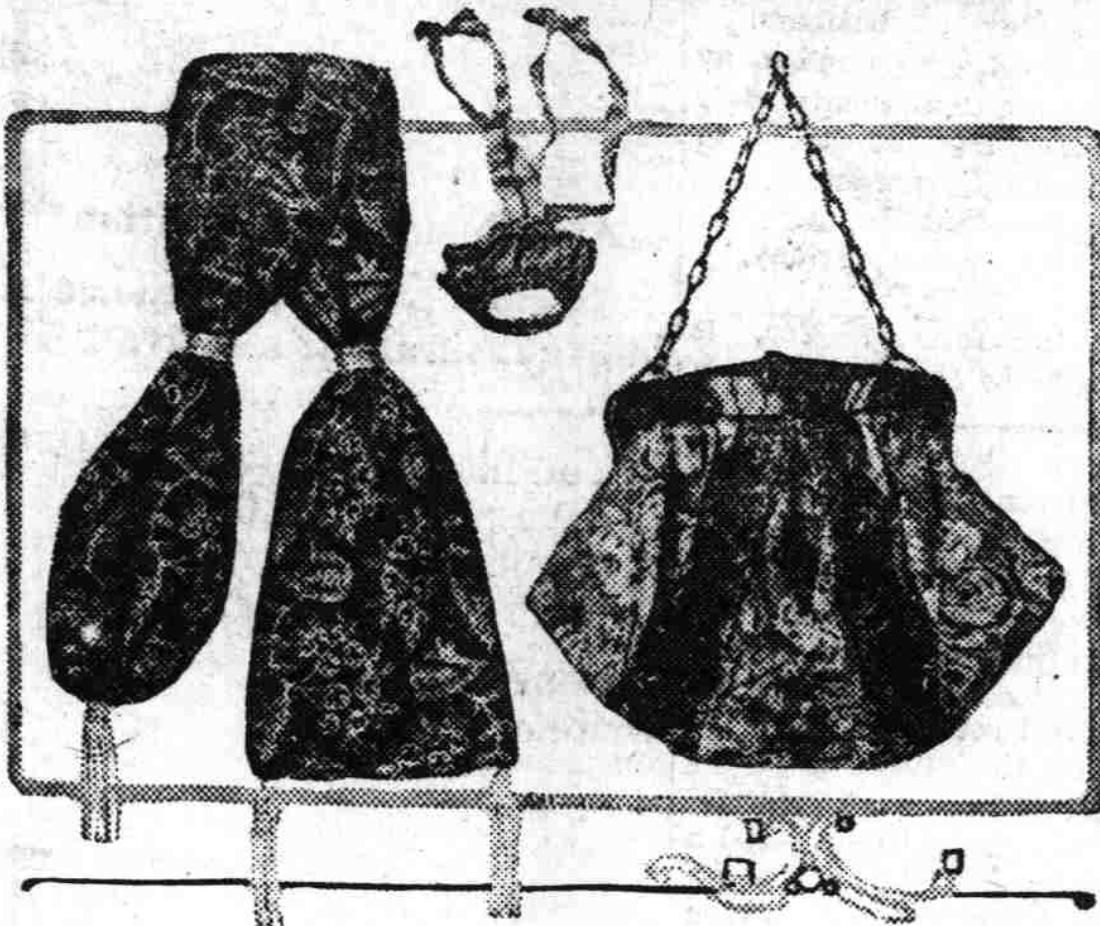
With the establishment of the district headquarters offices of the Internal Revenue Department at Washington, Wilmington and New Bern, the organization of the ten districts in the state has been completed and the task of collecting the government's revenue systematized. Supervisor A. D. Watts was in Raleigh from these three offices where he had been to assist District Supervisors Rodman, of Washington; Emerson, of Wilmington; and Woodley, of New Bern, to complete their organization.

### Working Staff Complete.

The state board of vocational education, after months of painstaking effort and investigation, has completed its staff of workers for putting over the program of vocational education in North Carolina, provided for in the state plans.

The Federal Smith-Hughes Act requires each state to make provision for the training of teachers in each type of vocational work before the close of 1920 or the funds for the promotion of vocational education in that specific subject will be withheld.

## Gorgeous Ribbons Reflect Autumn



The goddess of the looms must have lingered about American silk mills when designers were planning this season's ribbons. And she was in a happy and opulent mood, for the utmost in weaving has blossomed in ribbons that are all the way from gay to gorgeous. The richness of autumn's colorful days, with sunshine and moonshine, all are reflected in brocaded ribbons heavy with gold and silver threads and very brilliant in sheen and color. So much beauty lures one away from the consideration of its price which is very high.

But only small quantities of the most gorgeous ribbons appear in any apparel or dress accessories, except for evening dresses. In these wide metal-braided ribbons are used with some generosity. Mostly the wide and brilliant ribbons are used for making shopping bags and purses, in the crowns of hats or in sashes on hats and for vests in dresses and suits. In evening dresses of tulle or crepe or lace they make brilliant panels or girdles and occasionally a handsome afternoon frock looks to them for a touch of splendor in the girdle.

But bags and purses account for more yards of magnificent ribbon than other accessories. Between now and Christmas there will be a lively business at the ribbon counter where mountings for bags are sold along with the ribbon to make them. In the picture above a purse and a bag are shown. The long purse is a black satin brocaded in silver. And the bag is in brilliant colors striped with black, mounted on a black celluloid frame.

The story of plain satin ribbons, for little bags and numberless other trifles that women love, is much longer than that of the splendid brocades. There are innumerable trinkets made of ribbon. A little face powder bag of satin ribbon is shown in the picture. It has a small round mirror in the bottom and narrow satin ribbon handles that draw up and close the top. It serves to carry a small box of powder and a convenient puff.

Hair ribbons for little girls are shown in many pretty striped varieties and taffeta remains the favorite for hair bows, which with bags, keep a gay stream of ribbons flowing over the ribbon counter.

## There Are Many Fancy Suits



A stroll through establishments, whose styles we know to be authoritative soon verifies the assertion made by manufacturers that tailored suits are growing fancier. That is the first impression to be gathered from almost any display. But one must not draw conclusions too quickly. It has come to the place where there are several distinct types of the tailored suit, including the knock-about suit, the walking suit and the promenade suit (which must be another name for what we have known as the formal suit.) The knock-about and walking suits will please those who are wedded to severe tailor-made, while promenade and formal suits are for those who like departures from this type.

Probably the influence of French ideas has promoted the success of the fancier tailored suits, for the severe type has never been a favorite with Paris. Where there is no place for a gay or frivolous or dainty touch to appear, French designers seem to feel hampered; they do not like the type of suit that attends strictly to the business of being practical and well made. They delight in unexpected little decorative touches that have no reason for existing, except to be interesting and good looking.

All the new glove finish fabrics—and their name is legion—promote the cause of fancier suits. Duvetyn, velours, duvet and their like, are very soft with surfaces that vary, but are never hard. Close behind them trico-

tine and gabardine lend themselves to promenade suits by their texture. A fine example in a tricotine model for fall and winter wear is shown in the accompanying picture. It shows allegiance to the last decrees for longer skirts and coats and presents odd placements of material on the skirt and coat, with braid, buttons, and buttonholes cleverly managed to elaborate both. The collar is unusual with straight revers that extend over the shoulder and widen at the back into a small square cape. The coat is open to the waistline at the front, making plenty of opportunity for a fancy blouse or vestee. The choker of fur is a separate affair. The choker collar is everywhere present, but is often convertible and is either of fur or fur fabric or of the material in the suit. Belts are narrow and may be taken off so that the suit is worn with or without them. Occasionally a suit is shown with two belts, one of the fabric and one of leather. Not all coats are long. There are those of the short ripple variety that seem to be liked best in the dresser suits. Their bodies are semifitted. Sleeves are long and plain with occasional narrow turned-back cuffs for a small pointed flare, and skirts are ankle length and only moderately narrow, the hobble variety never having achieved success among smartly-dressed women.

Julia Bottomley

## NEW MUNICIPAL TICKET OUT

Announcement Follows Proposed Presentation of Petition for Recall of Present Charlotte Officials.

Charlotte.—That the petition asking for the recall of Mayor Frank R. McNinch, A. H. Wearn, commissioner of public works, and G. A. Page, commissioner of public safety, presented to the city clerk and declared in improper form by the city attorney, will be straightened out and presented in proper form, was the information given out by D. W. Howell, chairman of the committee presenting the petition.

A ticket to oppose the incumbents in the election as a result of this petition said to have been endorsed by "laboring men of Charlotte," was also announced by Mr. Howell.

The ticket is composed of the following:

W. R. Matthews, for mayor and commissioner of finance.

D. L. Kistler, for commissioner of public works.

W. H. Hall, for commissioner of public safety.

Mr. Howell stated that he had been misinformed by an attorney as to the proper method of certifying to the signatures on the petition and "went off half-cocked," but that it would take only a short time to have the men who circulated the 12 sheets of the petition to certify to the signatures on their respective sheets.

Kenly.—A committee of five representing five farmers union lodges met in Kenly and discussed a fair price to pay for the picking of cotton. The following prices were agreed upon: In

New Bern.—At the close of the sales on the floors of the local tobacco warehouses it was estimated that one and a quarter millions of pounds of the weed had been sold on the New Bern market during the three weeks that the warehouses had been opened. September, \$1.25; October, \$1.50; November, \$1.75; December, \$2.

Fayetteville.—The congressional committee appointed to inspect military camps and aviation fields with a view to acquisition by the government has made its first inspection, going over Camp Bragg and Pope Field here with a group of army officers.

Asheville.—The water situation in Asheville gets worse each day as the already long drought continues. The stream which fills the big tank with water has dwindled from a rushing flow of water to a trickling rivulet and the water is fast going down.

Concord.—The board of aldermen, in adjourned meeting, awarded the contract for the erection of a new municipal building. The erection of the building will cost the city \$17,975, plus the architect's fee and the cost of the electrical fixtures, plumbing and drainage.

Salisbury.—In order to safeguard the children of the Ellis Street school, city authorities have created a school zone for automobiles and require a slow rate of speed and more careful driving in the neighborhood of the school. The streets for several blocks have been designated as a school zone.

Hickory.—With five blockade stills, four of them large outfits, destroyed recently by internal revenue, county and city officers, and with citizens throughout the county showing more interest in law enforcement, Sheriff John A. Isenhower was confident today that the major portion of these illicit plants could be put out of business soon.

Kinston.—As a feature of the tobacco belt fair to be held here next month Kinston manufacturers and merchants will stage an industrial parade a mile or so in length. Between 50 and 100 floats, some of them of expensive design, will be rigged up.

Winston-Salem.—Miss Dewitt Chatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chatham, and one of the Twin City's most charming and attractive young ladies, has been chosen to christen "Winston-Salem," one of the new boats to be built by the United States government.

### Having Gay Dream.

Washington (Special).—Senator Simmons has received a downpour of letters from the state saying that when Dr. H. Q. Alexander reports that North Carolina is opposed to the league of nations he is having a gay dream.

Among those who have written are Governor Bickett and scores of school teachers, college professors, farmers and professional men. It is estimated by some of those in position to know that 95 per cent of the people are with the president.

### Child Killed By Auto.

Elizabeth City.—The five year old daughter of Mr. Marvin Lister was killed outright when she was run over by a car driven by Mr. George Winstow, of this county. Mr. Lister stopped his car at the gasoline station on the corner of the road. As he did so the child stepped out of her father's car to the street and directly in front of Winstow's car. The child's neck was broken, her lower jaw fractured and the base of the brain dislocated by the blow. Death was practically instantaneous.

## DURHAM COUNCIL PURCHASES FOOD

CITY AUDITOR DOES HIS BIT IN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

## FOUR CAR LOADS ARE BOUGHT

Cost of Shipment Considerably More Than \$30,000, Which Exceeds the Allotment to the City.

Durham.—A. Rochelle, city auditor, the indefatigable worker for the aldermen in reducing the high cost of living, and has enabled many of our citizens to obtain foodstuffs at a nominal cost, went to Atlanta to secure other goods, returned with a smile that will do the people good to see. He was eminently successful, and secured more than the allotment to this city. He got four car load lots, the purchase amounting to more than \$25,000. These started from Atlanta on Wednesday, September 24th.

Charlotte.—Carpenters went on strike here, some 400 out of 500 in the city failing to report for work. Recognition of the union is the demand which caused the strike.

Winston.—The city and county authorities are planning to enforce the school attendance law. It is announced there are twelve thousand children of school age in Winston-Salem, and that only about half of this number are enrolled in the schools.

Boone.—Watauga county is to have a trained nurse to look after the general health of the county and train others to do nursing in cases of emergency. A competent nurse has already been secured and will enter upon her work just as soon as arrangements can be perfected.

Charlotte.—Some three hundred automobile dealers from North and South Carolina gathered here and affected a permanent organization of the automobile dealers of the Carolinas. The convention endorsed all the good roads measures which appear to be worth attention.

Southern Pines.—A Boston syndicate, with J. D. Bowman, of Winston-Salem, has bought about three thousand acres of land between Aberdeen and south of Pinebluff, including all the undeveloped lands in Pinebluff. The consideration is said to be above \$125,000.

Wilmington.—The strike which began at the Carolina shipyard because of alleged discrimination in the employment of negro labor became general when other crafts, both union and non-union, quit. The strike has been without violence and an early adjustment of the matter is expected.

Benson.—The sewerage system being installed by a contracting company has been nearly completed and the waterworks system is also nearing completion. The artesian well is now over four hundred feet deep and is supplying over 75 gallons a minute.

Reidsville.—The long talked of park and playground for Reidsville is now an established fact. The company that recently purchased the Whitsett farm of 152 acres in and adjoining the city limits, has given to the city sufficient ground for a park.

Winston-Salem.—Approximately 5,000 people were added to the population of Winston-Salem as the result of an annexation election. The outcome of the election was in doubt till the end and the annexation proved successful by but 21 votes.

The registration for the election was about 400. At a previous election on the same question, the annexation proposition lost by two votes.

### Live Cotton Association.

Monroe.—Union county has one of the most enthusiastic cotton associations in the state. J. N. Price, state senator, is president, and W. S. Blake, prominent banker, is secretary and treasurer. Membership fee is \$1, and the farmers are joining in large numbers every day. The executive committee of the association is negotiating with J. J. Crow, cotton buyer, for the use of his warehouse this season, but intend erecting a \$40,000 warehouse of their own next year.

### Heavy Fine for Retailing.

Rocky Mount.—At a hearing in municipal court O. D. Murray, a local plumber, was fined \$350 and J. L. Bridges, a railroad employee, was freed in connection with the seizure of 40 gallons of whiskey in an automobile behind Murray's place. The confiscated car was turned back to its owner by the court.

Immediately upon the completion of this trial, however, the two defendants were taken into custody by federal authorities as alleged violators of the federal prohibition provisions.