

### BACK TAX ISSUE IS BEFORE BOARD

#### County Will Ascertain Amount Accruing To It Previous To 1920

Ascertaining the amount of taxes accruing previous to 1920, now due the county was voted on motion of Commissioner Harry R. Gardner at the Monday meeting of the commission.

The action came following explanation by Chairman Addison Hewlett that City Manager James G. Wallace has asked that a date, designating a certain year from which taxes would be collected by the county, be set by the commission so as to expedite matters which would permit the back tax collector to begin actual collection of taxes.

Mr. Hewlett said it was desirable that the city and county designate a similar number of years, for which taxes are due, for collection. He said the city had not attempted to collect taxes back of 1920 for some time. He added that he did not have the information on the amount of money due the county back of 1920, but that it was not believed to be a considerable quantity.

County Attorney Marsden Bellamy said there was a state law providing for collection of back taxes from 1926 to the present but that New Hanover county was exempted from that law.

R. C. Fergus, mayor of Carolina Beach, who appeared before the board, was told by the commission that the county would provide one special officer at each of two beaches—Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach—for the summer season which begins June 1 and extends through Labor Day.

Mr. Fergus had requested that the county provide two officers during the approaching season at Carolina Beach due to the increase in population in this area.

The commission voted to furnish one special officer at the beaches during the summer as in previous seasons and told Mr. Fergus if it developed later that an additional officer was necessary he could make his request to the board at that time.

Upon motion of Commissioner George W. Trask, the commission voted to ask for bids on coal to be used by the county next winter.

The commission voted to ask for bids on the general county audit on motion of Commissioner Trask.

A number of requests for abatement of back taxes was referred to committee.

The board approved issuance of beer licenses to W. J. Wilkins, Castle Hayne road; J. W. Covill, Market street road; Paul Ruskas, Castle Hayne; R. L. Hawkins, Harbor Island; E. H. Holmes, Fort Fisher; V. D. Lockamy, Seagate; Harry Omirly, Carolina Beach road; W. H. Blackledge, Federal Point road; R. E. Arthur, Wrightsville turnpike.

License to operate a dance hall was granted to Sadie Smith of Sea Breeze.

Jury for a two-week civil term of superior court, to open May 25, was drawn.

### U. S. Slaps Clamps On Use Of Cocoa

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—The War Production board today made a clean sweep of the nation's favorite breakfast beverages today, cutting cocoa processing about 30 per cent after previously curtailing tea consumption 50 per cent and coffee drinking by 25.

All three of these products are imported from the hot countries and their imports are subject to the hazards of war and the shortage of cargo ships.

### What People Think About This, That

By HUGH HUMPHREY.

Four persons, picked at random in the city, were asked this question yesterday: "What do you think of the gas rationing?", and they answered as follows:

Earl Brewer, barber—"I guess it's a good idea. I believe we could really get all the gas we need, but the government is trying to make us cut down spending money for things we can do without. It wants us to invest in defense bonds, and we'd better do it as the government is going to get the money if it has to take it away from us."

"Jimmie" Moore, young businessman—"It doesn't affect me, as I don't own a car. I'll take my bike just as I've been doing. But it's going to make some people start walking that never did it before. I wouldn't be surprised if it didn't kill a few."

W. H. King, banker—"It's going to be hard on those who live far from their work. I hate to ride a bus as they are awfully crowded and the schedules are rather poor in my section, but we'll get along some way."

R. L. Johnston, salesman—"This gas rationing is going to let the people know just what we're up against. It's going to show them how a dictatorship works; taking things from you without a chance to argue about it. We can all be thankful that we're giving up gas in order to keep a dictatorship out of the country."

### 13 ARE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

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Brown, local attorneys, to represent Bell.

Roosevelt Allen was arraigned after a true bill of indictment had been returned by the grand jury charging him with criminal assault of a woman here March 29.

The grand jury returned true bills against William Hermon Monroe, James Harris, George Saunders and Anderson Harvey all of whom are charged with criminal assault on the same woman here March 29. They were arraigned at the Monday afternoon session.

Raymond Murphy, William E. Berry, alias Dick Berry, and Hubert Evans were arraigned after true bills had been returned against them on a charge of burglary.

The three are charged with breaking and entering the house of Daniel Lewis about 12 o'clock on the night of April 27 and taking \$1.60.

True bills were returned against George W. Hill, charged with forgery, and Christopher Gause on a charge of manslaughter.

Jack Knowles, Harry Mason and Isaac Gurganus all pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and were fined \$25 and costs each.

Alfred Jernigan pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and the judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

Cases in which Mary Mallett, alias Mary Piferford, and Thomas Piferford are charged with violation of the liquor law were continued for the defendant. Other cases continued were C. T. Matthis, charged with being drunk; Bessie Hamilton and C. C. Greer, charged with fornication and adultery; Kenneth Lee, charged with being drunk; S. D. Corbett, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated; Fred Williams, charged with hit and run driving.

The state took a nolle pross with leave in the cases of Thomas J. Pittman, charged with murder; Gerard Soicer, charged with murder; Melvin Hawkins, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The state also took a nolle pross in the cases of Herbert Pridgen, charged with bigamy, and William Swann, charged with violation of the liquor law.

### Henry Dozier Draws 12-Month Road Term

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon resulting in serious injury, Henry Dozier was sentenced to 12 months in jail to be assigned to the roads at a hearing Monday in Recorder's court.

Dozier gave notice of appeal to Superior court and bond in the case was set at \$500.

Dozier is charged with cutting Anna Robinson with a knife on May 8.

Alex Porter, charged with violation of the liquor law was given a sentence of 60 days in jail to be assigned to the roads. The defendant was granted a 10-day stay and bond was set at \$125. A verdict of not guilty was rendered in the case of Henry Hughes who was held on the charge.

### Clinton Man Fatally Injured In Accident

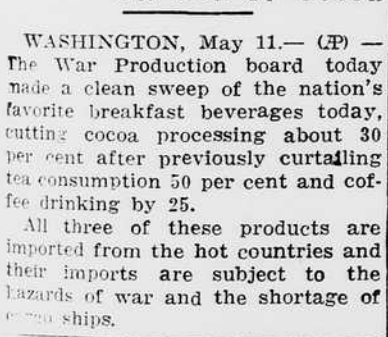
CLINTON, May 11.—Lon Thornton, 42, Autryville route 2, was fatally injured when run over by an automobile driven by Johnnie R. Horne of the same section on the Autryville-Dunn highway Sunday morning at 2 o'clock.

Horne told Patrolman O. J. Mitchell that Thornton was lying in the middle of the road, and that he did not see the body until it was too late to stop.

Horne took Thornton to a Fayetteville hospital where he died at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

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### \$3,000 GOAL SET FOR CHINA RELIEF

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er, Rabbi M. M. Thurman, the Rev. William Crow, Jr., the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, the Rev. James Lawton, the Rev. Walter B. Freed, Father Murphy. This committee was authorized to increase its membership as it may see fit.

Pomeroy Nichols was chosen chairman of the special gifts committee and W. M. Dickson for the A. C. L. M. H. Dickson was chosen chairman for civic clubs, and John E. Hope publicity chairman. Mrs. George Clendenin, Mrs. William Rehder and Miss Sue Hall were made co-chairmen of the women's division.

H. Lacy Hunt, who has long served as treasurer of funds for China was continued in that post.

A committee to select sponsors is still to be chosen.

Rabbi M. M. Thurman, whose book reviews have been so popular for four years, offered to give a special review with all proceeds to go to the fund.

Attending the meeting were J. E. L. Wade, Mrs. George Clendenin, Mrs. N. M. Hibbs, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Miss Susan E. Hall, Mrs. William Rehder, Edward G. Eichelberger, W. A. McGirt, Rabbi M. M. Thurman, the Rev. Mortimer Glover, M. H. Lander, Mrs. William Crowe Jr., the Rev. William Crowe, C. Van Leuver and John E. Hope. 3

### Rescue Comes To Seamen Adrift On A Raft

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### Soldiers At Camp Davis Remember Mother Sunday

The Camp Davis telegraph office is the best witness of the response of the soldiers to the appeal of Mother's Day.

So swamped was the office by the load of 655 messages sent out and the 520 received that the Signal Corps had to make a call for help to the Wilmington offices of the wire companies.

In general the chaplains led in fostering Mother's Day sentiment. Not that it needed encouragement. Nothing was more natural than for enlisted man and officer to think of home and the folks.

At Roman Catholic services soldiers sent cards to their mothers stating that the mass was dedicated to them and that the sons prayed in gratitude at communion. The names of the mothers were placed on the altars and will remain there throughout May.

In the Anti-aircraft school Lieut. W. I. Tibbetts, former candidate, sang a solo as Chaplain Wallace I. Wolverson conducted the service. Brig. Gen. Oliver L. Spiller read the lesson. Prayer and Mother were the subjects of the Rogation Sunday sermon. Over three hun-

dred attended.

In all chapels attendance was similarly high. All chaplains devoted their sermons to Mother's day. Altars were decorated with red and white carnations. After the services some of the flowers were handed out to worshippers while others were sent to the station hospital.

### Appeal Is Made To Prevent Fires Along Waterfront

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 11.—(AP)—Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, appealed tonight for redoubled effort to prevent waterfront fires, observing that seven such fires already have caused "serious impediment to the national war effort."

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