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INSTALLMENT TAX ALLOWED BY NEW LAW

Unpaid Taxes For 1926 And Prior Years Declared Uncollectable

The new law allowing taxes to be paid in installments designated as Senate bill 180, makes drastic reductions and sweeping changes in the collection of taxes for the years 1927 to 1931, inclusive, providing that the owner can redeem his lands sold for taxes during these years, and allowing him until April 1, 1934, to do so.

Taxes unpaid for 1926 and prior years are declared barred and uncollectable "whether evidenced by the original tax certificates or tax sales certificates, and upon which no foreclosure proceedings have been instituted," but does not apply to "liens for street and or sidewalk improvements."

The new law makes it mandatory that county and municipal authorities holding claims for delinquent taxes for the years 1927 to 1931, inclusive, "accept from any person or persons owning any interest in or holding any lien upon lands the principal amount of the taxes, less interest and penalties, in cash, less 10 per cent if paid before April 1, 1934, or upon the installment plan provided in section 1 of this act: Provided, the maker of any installments note may anticipate the payment thereof in whole or in part by paying the same in cash, less 10 per cent discount, if paid before installment is due."

If the county and town authorities and taxpayers think the collection of taxes is paralyzed, or that the law does not provide any way in which taxes can be collected, a close perusal of the law will show them otherwise. The installment plan covers only the taxes for the years 1927 to 1931, inclusive. And the law provides "that as a condition precedent to this settlement the several agencies of government are authorized and empowered in their discretion to require the payment of the 1932 taxes by resolution duly passed by the governmental agencies."

Section 1. of the law reads as follows:

That the several counties, municipalities, and other agencies of government owning taxes, or tax sales certificates for lands in their several units for the years one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred thirty, and one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, at the request of the owner or owners of the land, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into agreements with the owners of the lands covered by said tax sales certificates whereby said taxes, or tax sales certificates, exclusive of interest and penalties, may be paid in installments covering a period not to exceed five years, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually, from and after the first day of April, 1933; Provided, that unless the said counties and the owners of lands covered by said taxes, or tax sales certificates, enter into said agreements on or before the first day of April, 1934, this section shall become inoperative, and the said counties are authorized to proceed with foreclosure proceedings as hereinafter set out: Provided, that as a condition precedent to this settlement the several agencies of government are authorized and empowered in their discretion to require the payment of the 1932 taxes by resolution duly passed by the governmental agencies.

Three Men Arrested, Whiskey Poured Out

Chief of Police Fred Johnson, Policeman Neil Sneed, and Deputy Sheriff Ed Barnett raided the home of Oliver Davis down next to the Southern depot, found about a quart of whiskey and arrested Davis, Jim Patterson and Jim Capps. Capps and Patterson were charged with being drunk. The whiskey was poured out.

HICKEY—JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson announce the marriage of their daughter, Onabee to Mr. Howard Hickey, Thursday, April 27th, 1933, at Hioga. At home Patrick N. C.

Former Citizen Elected Councilman At Greensboro, N. C.

Thomas J. Hill, prominent lawyer and former Murphy citizen, was elected Tuesday, May 3rd, as member of the city council of Greensboro, N. C., where he has been residing and practicing his profession for the past several years.

Councilman Hill is a brother of Dr. J. N. Hill, prominent Murphy Physician, and C. B. Hill, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Cherokee county, and an uncle of Superior Court Judge Frank S. Hill. He was formerly associated in the practice of law in Murphy with the late John H. Dillard, and is well known in this section of the state.

His many friends here will receive the news of his election with no small degree of pride and joy at his success, for Tom, as he was familiarly known, has long been recognized and appreciated as a man of integrity and ability by his friends here.

Cherokee-Clay Usury Measure Becomes Law

The General Assembly has ratified the Cover bill providing for reduction of indebtedness in Cherokee and Clay counties.

The measure is more far-reaching than indicated by its title, declaring: "Section 1. That in all civil actions in the courts of Cherokee and Clay counties wherein debtors seek equitable relief either as plaintiffs or as defendants against the enforcement of usurious contracts, they shall be entitled not only to the benefit of the statute regulating the rate of interest which shall be charged for the loan of money, but also to the reduction of the indebtedness by the imposition of the penalties prescribed by law for a violation of such statutes.

"Section 2. That this act shall apply only to the counties of Cherokee and Clay."

He Gets In Officers Car With Whiskey, Arrested

The other morning Deputy Sheriff Ed Barnett was driving out Highway No. 28, about two miles out of town. He saw a man whom he knew trudging along the highway lugging a package. When he came alongside the fellow he asked him to get in, and the fellow did so.

Deputy Barnett's nose received a strong whiff of odor which smelled like whiskey. He asked the man: "What have you got in the package, whiskey?" And the fellow replied: "Well, you've got me, and I might as well shell down the truth. I have." Whereupon Deputy Barnett turned around and brought the man to town and locked him up.

The man, whose name was Floyd Hall, told the officer that he had just bought the whiskey from a Georgia man, and it was in what he termed a "brand new Georgia Gallon can."

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday Hall was bound to court under \$300 bond which he failed to make and was remanded to jail.

Officers Get Still And Two Men

Last Saturday Deputy Sheriff Ed Barnett received a report that a still was in operation on the headwaters Hothouse creek. Taking two other deputies, Henry Rose and Julius McClure, he went to the scene got a 40 gallon outfit, all copper, said to be the finest outfit they had yet captured. The pot and worm had been removed and hid in the bushes. They found three old still places but said they perhaps missed the right one, as they could find no beer at either place.

They picked up two men on the road going home with three and a half gallons of whiskey, whom they arrested and brought to Murphy. The men later made bonds of \$200 each for their appearance at the next term of court.

Mothers Day Program At New Hope Sunday

There will be a Mother's Day program at New Hope, N. C. 7 miles west of Murphy. Everybody invited. We want all singing classes and the old people to be with us on that day. A lunch dinner will be served. All bring lunch.

Fishing Allowed In 3 Cherokee Rivers Without License

According to telegraphic communication Wednesday from Representative G. W. Cover at Raleigh, a bill has been passed allowing residents of Cherokee county to fish in the Valley river, Hiawassee river, and Notla river without license.

Another bill identified as H. B. 1217, has been passed allowing the shooting of sucker, carp and red horse in the same streams. Sections 3 of the law repeals laws and clauses of laws in conflict with its provisions.

Some misunderstanding has arisen as to the law affecting the closed season. The county game warden says the law does not affect the closed season on these coarse fish, while there are those who contend that it repeals them. An effort is being made to get a ruling by the state authorities so as to clear up the misunderstanding that has arisen. In the meantime the game warden stated he would be forced to arrest any one caught fishing or shooting in the streams during the closed season.

The fishing season is now closed on all fishing in Cherokee county except trout streams. The season is open on bass fishing on June 10th to October 1st, and the trout season is open April 15 to September 1st. The open season on all coarse fish, such as suckers, cat, red horse and carp, is from June 10th to May 1st.

The full text of the law in question, identified as House Bill 1217, follows:

An Act to Amend The Fishing Laws of Cherokee County.

Whereas, the waters of Hiawassee river, Valley river, Notla river, Cherokee County, North Carolina, do not contain any game fish except bass:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be lawful for any person to catch and take cat fish by use of basket and/or trot line in Hiawassee river Valley river, Notla river, Cherokee County, North Carolina.

Section 2. That it shall be lawful to shoot with rifle sucker, carp and red horse fish in the aforesaid streams in Cherokee county, North Carolina.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its ratification.

In the General Assembly, read 3 times and ratified this the tenth day of April, 1933.

MURPHY SCHOOL TEACHERS NAMED FOR NEXT YEAR

The following teachers have been elected to teach in the Murphy schools for next year. All of these, with the exception of Mr. Carroll, Miss Mauney and Miss Wells, are re-elections.

Hieronymus Bueck, superintendent, high school teacher, B. R. Carroll, Murphy; O. W. Deaton, Biscoe; Miss Margaret Irby, Enfield; Miss Fannie M. Hathcock, Norwood; Miss Ruby L. Courtney, Williston, S. C.; Miss Margaret Le May, Smithfield; Miss Estelle Mauney, Murphy.

Elementary school, Miss Clara McCombs, Murphy; Miss Dair McCrackon, Hayesville; Miss Martha Mayfield Murphy, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Murphy; Miss Loucine Wells, Murphy; Mrs. T. A. Case, Murphy; Miss Emily Sword, Murphy; Miss Addie Leatherwood, Murphy; Mrs. Henry Axley, Murphy; Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Murphy, Supervisor of Music.

B. C. Walker was re-elected jailor.

Man Hitched To Buggy, Hauls Family and Goods

Murphy, May 8. (Special)—It is nothing unusual, among the natives of the far east, to hitch a woman to the plow, but this town saw something brand new late Sunday when a man trudged up the long steep hill leading to the town from Tennessee, hitched between the shafts of an ancient dilapidated buggy. Accompanying him, beside, and behind the rattly old vehicle were a young woman, carrying an infant, two bare-foot boys, and a dog.

The man identified himself as William Phillips, 30. Those with him included his wife, Maureen 26; baby

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TOWN OFFICIALS BEGIN DUTIES ON SATURDAY NIGHT

W. M. Fain Is Elected Mayor Pro Tem And Committees Named

The new officers for the town of Murphy were inducted into office Saturday night by C. I. Calhoun, mayor pro tem of the old board.

E. B. Norvell, newly elected mayor, who is enrolling clerk of the State Legislature, took the oath of office under Chief Justice Stacy at Raleigh, and came to Murphy Friday to be present at the meeting Saturday night. Mr. Norvell is a native of Lunenburg county, Virginia, but has been a resident of Murphy for the past 43 years. He has been a successful lawyer, having been associated with the late Ben Posey, a noted criminal lawyer of Murphy, but the greater part of his 43 years' practice has been alone. Mr. Norvell was chief clerk of the enrolling department of the General Assembly every year from 1899 to 1921, inclusive, and was appointed to that position again this year.

W. M. Fain, alderman, was named mayor pro tem. Mr. Fain served as mayor for two terms a few years ago. Other members of the board of aldermen are A. W. McIver, who led the ticket with 351 votes, C. D. Mayfield and E. P. Hawkins, who have served as aldermen in former years, E. L. Townson, who was a member of the Cherokee county commissioners for 1931, and 1932, G. W. Ellis, distict representative of the Gulf Refining company here.

A good deal of business was transacted at the meeting. E. O. Christophers was re-elected town clerk, as was Fred Johnson, chief of police, and Neil Sneed, night policeman. Walter Sneed was named street foreman, with Charley Fish as helper. Fulton Hartness was reappointed superintendent of the water plant.

TO INAUGURATE "NEW DEAL" FOR DRUNKS

Acting mayor W. Mercer Fain only expects to guide the destinies of Murphy for about 30 days, while Edmund B. Norvell, newly elected mayor or is in Raleigh, serving as executive clerk in the State Senate; but during that month, he said, he is going to inaugurate a "new deal for public drunks"—which they aren't going to like one bit!

Summed up, fines are to be made stiffer; payment "on the installment plan" is to be discontinued in all cases, and failure to meet the levy immediately is to be countered with hard labor, either on the streets of the town, or on the county roads.

In past years it has been customary to treat those who gazed too long on the liquor corn, with leniency, plus. Former Administrations made it a practice, if the imbibder had been peaceable, and "submitted" at the trial, to impose a fine of only \$1 and costs. Even this small fine usually was suspended on promise of good behavior for three months—if the costs were met. If the defendant had either a job, or a previously good reputation, or responsible kinsmen, he was allowed to go free, and pay up, "on time." In one case it took the offender three months to settle in full. If the costs were not paid, the fine stood, and the prisoner was remanded to jail, usually for 10 days. There, however, he was given his choice of working as a street cleaner, ditch digger, or something of the sort or of staying behind the bars, doing nothing but reading, sleeping and eating. Almost invariably the prisoner chose the latter.

Acting Mayor Fain said this is all wrong. He declared keeping prisoners in idleness in jail, feeding them at county expenses without a single return except "the doubtful joy of watching them grow fat, is an unfair burden on the taxpayers." Also, the too easy, too lax fining system, he said, fails utterly to act as any bar to public intoxication. "It doesn't mean a thing," he said.

So hereafter, as long as he is acting mayor, Mr. Fain declared, every man who takes too much on board may expect to be fined not less than \$5 and costs, requiring a total outlay of \$12.50. Nor will any time be granted for payment, in installments. The levies must be met then and there, he said, or the prisoners will be put to work, without asking anything about their preferences.

It was pointed out to the acting mayor that while a 30-day jail sen-

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