

FORMER SHERIFF AND HIS BONDSMEN TO CONTEST CLAIM

J. W. McArtan and Bonding Company to Make Denial of Statement That He Is \$54,000 Short.

The News is informed that J. W. McArtan, former sheriff and tax collector of Harnett county, has employed counsel to defend him in the matter of settlement with the county for moneys alleged to be due the county by the sheriff. Mr. McArtan will be joined by his bonding company, it is said, which concern has also employed attorneys to defend them against the claim of Harnett county that Mr. McArtan still owes the county \$54,000 over and above all moneys that have been returned by him to the county auditor.

will be, cannot be specifically stated, but it is reported that a counterclaim will be set up, showing that the Board of County Commissioners allowed the books in which the tax receipts uncollected still remained, to go out of the office of the sheriff, in fact that they permitted the books to be taken in hand by the county attorney, E. F. Young and by him taken to his office in Dunn; that no accounting was had as to what sum the remaining receipts in the books amounted to, so that it could be determined exactly what should be rightfully charged against Mr. McArtan; that no accounting has ever been had since the books were so taken away; and that therefore the sheriff, who is alleged to be short in his accounting with the county auditor, was deprived of redress in that he could not get at the books to determine how he stood in his accounts. There may be other contentions also, but they are not given out.

County Auditor D. P. McDonald states that he cannot tell how much money has been collected on the tax books since they were taken away from Sheriff McArtan's office—that is, he does not know to which account moneys turned over to him may be credited, nor does he know for what year they were due. He has simply entered note of the sums returned to him by Mr. Young, and lets it stand at that.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES CAPTURE LIQUOR STILL NEAR COUNTY HOME MONDAY

Sheriff A. F. Fowler and his deputies took in a liquor still Monday of this week which they found located ready for operation near the county home. The still had before in operation, they stated, but no one was found at the place when the outfit was taken.

Deputies who knew the surroundings stated that it was their opinion that the liquor making outfit was the property of Sexton Colville, young white man, but inasmuch as he was not found with the still at the time it was taken, no arrest has been made.

HONOR ROLL AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR LOCAL SCHOOL FOR MONTH

First Grade, Miss Margaret Brill, teacher: Perfect attendance—Rupert Bradley, Lacy Wilson Dixon, Arthur Allen McDonald, Worth Senter, Henry Stewart, Woodrow Salmon, Dixie

Moore, Mabel Todd. Honor roll—Worth Senter, Henry Stewart. Second Grade, Miss Lucile Hunter, teacher: Honor roll—Mary Atkins, Josie Baker, Sara Van McCoy, Bob Page Ross, Lewis Wilburn, Vincent Beachum, Carl Womble, Fred Parker. Scholarship—Eloise Hendricks, Marguerite Williamson.

Third Grade, Mrs. B. D. Bunn, teacher: Scholarship—Burnice Williamson, Edward Caviness, Jack Bryant, Jeanette Upchurch, Martha Sutton, Louise McLeod, Katherine McLaughlin. Attendance—Jack Bryant, Edward Caviness, Burnice Williamson, Lawrence Parker, Catherine McLaughlin, Louise McLeod, Martha Sutton, Jeanette Upchurch, Ila Mae Marsh, Hazel Bradley, Polly Beachum.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. C. S. Loving, teacher: Honor roll—Margaret Pipkin, Evelyn Beachum, Agnes Gentry, Max Murchison, James Kelly.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. John L. Marsh, teacher: Honorary—Lena Ray Hockaday, Mary Avery, Mary Murchison, Elsie Taylor, Freda Spivey, Ruth Salmon, Lollie Bell, Katherine Dixon, Elizabeth Fuquay, Vada Senter. Honor roll—Elsie Taylor, James Avery, Stanley Baker, Dwight Johnson, Melvin Wilburn, Mary Avery, Lillian Atkins, Lena Ray Hockaday, Vada Senter, Eva Stephens.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Margaret Bowen, teacher: Attendance honor roll—Evelyn Byrd, Lois Byrd, Margaret Cox, Iva Johnson, Lucile Morgan, Alice Matthews, Lois Senter, Adelaide Shaw, Alvis Cox, Jack Jackson, Norwood Sorrell. Honor roll—Lois Byrd, Margaret Cox, Hugh Cox, Iva Johnson, Lucile Morgan, Alice Matthews, Lois Senter, Adelaide Shaw.

Ninth Grade, Miss Alta Dewar, teacher: Scholarship—John Joyce, Susan Layton. Attendance—John Joyce, Frank Patterson, Lana Sorrell, Mary Biggs, Rena Johnson.

Eleventh Grade, Mrs. R. M. Kinzey, teacher: Scholarship—Belle Hockaday, Ruth O'Quinn, White Stephens, Melba Wood. Attendance—Edwin Bain, Grayson Biggs, Glenn Brantley, Reba Dorman, Belle Hockaday, Edith Horner, Cornelia McLaughlin, Ruth O'Quinn, Melba Wood.

TOWN OF LILLINGTON TO GET POWER FROM THE CAROLINA

As was stated in The News a few weeks ago, the Carolina Power and Light Company, whose headquarters are in Raleigh, is negotiating for the franchise of the North State Power Company, which concern is now furnishing power and lights for Lillington. It is understood that the Carolina Company stands ready to pay the town \$8,000 for the wiring system which was installed here a number of years ago by the town and which has been rented by the North State Power Company as successor to the Cumberland Power Co., to whom the system was first leased.

The town's electric system is bonded for \$20,000, but the outfit is not worth near that sum now, long use and the dismantling of the engine and dynamo that furnished the first power to the town having depreciated the system's value somewhat.

Local Manager M. B. McKinney of the North State Company says that he has heard nothing definite from his company in regard to the transfer, but that he has been given information by the officials of his company that it would be made some-

time about the first of the year. When the Carolina Company takes over the local proposition, which it undoubtedly will in the near future, it will send power into Lillington over its high tension wires and thus afford ample power for any purpose, both day and night.

INTEREST IN BUS MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN RALEIGH AND FAYETTEVILLE INCREASES

Interest in the proposed bus mail route between Raleigh and Fayetteville, which for some time has been discussed in Lillington, seems to be increasing. Local people, especially those concerned with the distribution of mail here, have been wanting to see something of this kind put in operation. Postmaster H. T. Atkins has been endeavoring to interest the people here in petitioning the postoffice department to institute the change so that Lillington might obtain a reasonable postal service.

Yesterday Mr. Will K. Coley of the News and Observer was in Lillington and circulated a petition for the inauguration of the new mail service. The petition was universally agreed to here and was liberally signed. Mr. Coley stated that the News and Observer had come to the realization that something must be done in order that they might get papers down this way on a regular schedule. The Raleigh paper has been distributing papers by use of its own bus, but Mr. Coley stated positively yesterday that this would be stopped. He explained that the expense was enormous and besides the News and Observer paid for mailing privileges which it did not get because the papers were delivered by their own bus at their expense.

It is not known just what course will be pursued in the matter, but the fact that Gresham's bus line, operating between Raleigh and Fayetteville, is anxious to take over a contract for carrying the mail between these two points give rise to the opinion that something may be accomplished in that regard before many days.

YOUNG MEN STUDYING COTTON AND POULTRY

Additional classes for young men were organized two weeks ago at Lafayette and Raven Rock schools by the local agricultural teacher. The interest in these classes, like in the class at Leaflet school, is increasing as indicated by a steadily increasing enrollment and a more lively discussion by the members at each meeting. Classes will be suspended next week, Christmas week, but will be resumed on December 29 and 30 and continue until about the middle of February.

The class for young men not attending a regular day school meets at Raven Rock school each Tuesday at 7 p. m. The course outlined in Cotton Production includes the following topics:

1. Maintaining Soil Fertility.
2. Cover Crops and Their Value.
3. Lime and Manures.
4. Commercial Fertilizers.
5. The Value of Pure Seed.
6. Preparing a Good Seed Bed.
7. Planting and Cultivation, and the Use of Modern Machinery.
8. Boll Weevil Control.
9. Harvesting and Marketing: Keeping Farm Records.

The unit course in Poultry Production is being studied by boys in regular attendance at Lafayette school. The instructor meets the boys at their school each Tuesday afternoon. This course includes:

1. Importance of Poultry on the Farm: Important Breeds and Varieties.
2. Culling and Selection.
3. Incubation and Brooding.
4. Housing of Young and Old Chickens.
5. Diseases of Poultry and Control Measures.
6. External Parasites and Their Control.
7. Care and Management.
8. Plans and Shop Problems Related to Housing and Equipment.
9. Grading Poultry and Eggs.
10. Marketing Poultry and Poultry Products.

TWO NEEDS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES.

First of all, there must be community organization. And foremost in effecting this result we must have the local organization of the farmers themselves, a Farm Bureau, a Farmers' Union, a Grange, the local organization of the general cooperative marketing association, or some other farmers' club—a practical, wide-awake, business organization that amounts to something. In learning the value of cooperation in making, marketing and financing farm crops, our farmers will learn the value of cooperation in a hundred brightening and socially uplifting ways, and in the long run this by-product of business cooperation may prove its more valuable result. God helps them that help themselves; and while other agencies may and should help, it is our farmers themselves individually and through their organizations who must chiefly work out all our problems of rural betterment. It is better for the farmer to belong to the wrong sort of farmers' organization than to none at all. The local farmers' club must be the foundation of community organization, working along with equally progressive local organiza-

tions of farm women and of the boys and girls. The most successful town organizations are now those that combine the ancient pastime of eating with their social and business activities—"luncheon clubs" such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Civitans, etc. I am almost persuaded that the most successful and enduring farmers' clubs must be modeled along the same lines. Down in Georgia recently I was greatly interested in a club which has been working successfully for 40 years—12 members meeting once a month at the farm homes of the members in rotation for a dinner served by the host, a tour of his farm, a discussion of some important farm subject, and the transaction of such business of buying and selling as they wish. I commend the plan to farmers everywhere.

Then in the second place there must be community centers. The development of such centers must be a growth, of course, but if we only have the ideal and realize keenly enough the value of that ideal, it will come—slowly perhaps, but surely. The consolidated school with high school features—with its school farm, its cooking and sewing room, its library and museum of nature-study and local history—this should be the central feature, and about its beautiful lawns and grounds should be grouped the neighborhood churches, lodge halls, fair grounds, the athletic grounds, the homes of preacher, doctor, school principal, etc., and to this center all the people of the neighborhood should come only for school and church and Sunday school occasions, but for the public speaking, the meetings of farmers and farm-women's clubs, for picnics, ball games, debates, musicals, lectures, local fairs, moving picture shows, corn club or canning club meetings, etc., etc.

The most encouraging fact I know with regard to the whole problem of rural community development is found in the gradual but sure and steady recognition of the modern, consolidated rural school as the logical community center. Such a school fast becomes the virtual capital of a little rural community republic—just as Washington is the capital of our national republic and some other city our state capital. And the coming of the automobile, happily to this generation, has made it possible for us to enlarge our school districts and hence our community boundaries so as to take in large enough rural groups to really get effective organization along all lines.—The Progressive Farmer.

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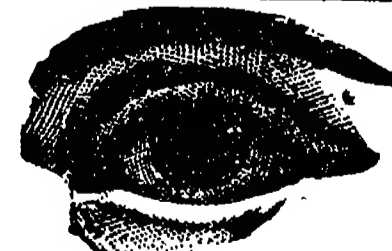
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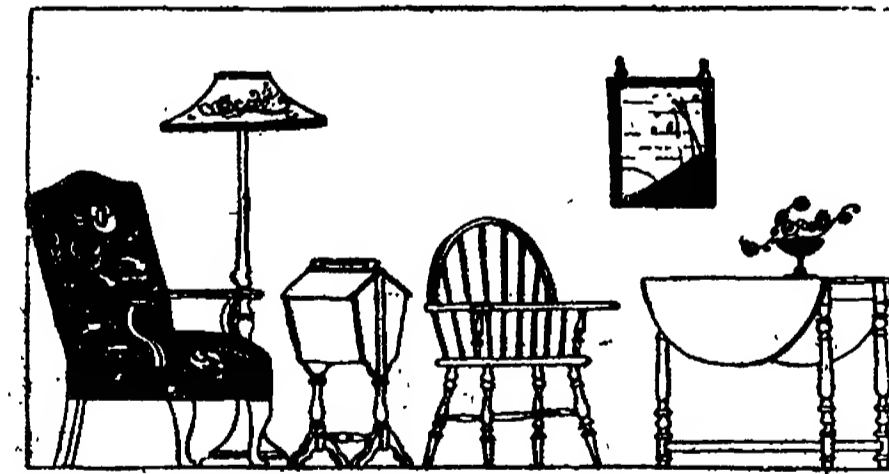
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