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SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Lillington, N. C., Thursday, July 16, 1925.

"If It Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

DISCOVERS OVER \$50,000 VALUES NOT BEING TAXED

In Lillington School District For Special Support of Local School --- Reported Monday to Board

At their meeting here Tuesday, the second day's session of their sit. ting as a Board of Equalization, the Board of Commissioners had placed before them the discovery that over \$50,000 worth of property was not being levied upon for the special fax to support Lillington School, Search of the tax books had revealed that this property had not paid any special school tax since 1920, and the supposition is that it has not paid any of this tax since the creation of the Lil. lington School District in 1913, though the search had not gone farther back than 1920. The presentation to the Board was made by J. R Baggett, who has beer a member of the school trustee board for a num. ber of years.

The amount of taxes that would be due on the property in question since 1920 is over \$1,500. The iis: of property as reported to the Com. missioners Tuesday is as follows: J. A. Giles____\$ 2,420.00

Leander Lee	6,020.0
Mrs. C. C. McDonald	2,400.0
A. A. McDonald	10,300.0
C. A. McNeill	200.0
Mrs. Alice McNeill	1,800.0
Mrs. M. L. Northam	3.375.0
Mrs. E. B. Reid	1,400.0
David Reid	5,000.0
M. T. Spears and J. C.	
Thomson	1,095.0
T. B. Upchurch	10,000.0
J. G. Layton	7,009.0
B. B. McDonald	335.0
R. A. Bell	3.970.0
A. P. Allen	105.0
L. A. Avery	2,730.0
J. G. Layton	1,400.0
E. B. Reid	55.0

appointed Attorney Spears and Com. Davis, the two men cau tried to swings into Savannah where it turns meeting was held on schedule time. missioner Layton a committee to investigate the matter and report as early as possible to the Board. It is not known that this list includes all of the property that has been left off the special school tax list, and the committee is expected to find any tax, and that the owners have been laboring under the impression that they were paying all the taxes which they were due the county.

Mr. Baggett stated to the Board that he considered it would be a wise move on the part of the Board to select a competent list taker and pay him to search out property throughout the county that might be escaping taxation. He was informed, wife and four children in Danville, autoists who will take delight in he said, that there is quite a good Va., but did not live with them. So making the trip leisurely over the deal of property that is escaping far as can be ascertained at present, highway; but there are special trains taxation altogether. A tax expert, he stated, had told him that if the county would hire him on a commission of 25 per cent, he would quit his job and guarantee the county sufficient return so that he might secure commissions of at least \$5,000

It is an established fact, according to numbers of citizens who profess to the tax books at all. Mr. Baggett to be employed who could be used as one of the principal addresses of the made to the Board the astounding statement that he had been cold by a former official of the county that covered by local deputies following take his place on the program. Other there was property within a stone't tipe given them that there was a towns along the way will swell the throw of the courthouse which was still in operation in the neighborhood delegation by additions till there is a not on the tax books.

about some sort of efficient tax list. It, however It was finally found by be a real live one may be taken for ing in Harnett county, which, accord. Deputie Einest Davis and Henry granted when it is noted that Sav. ing to the testimony of these who Salmon when they came upon a small annah has put forth special effort in have been very observant along this branch that had been dammed. The the form of entertainment to rall line, the county has never enjoyed. stream is called the Enoch John on who attend the road meeting. Sav-With the great effort of the .omn; _ | mill creek. sioners to find some way out of the The men were taken to Dunn for Highway, because she is awake to the dilemma of high taxes and seeming preliminary hearing after being necessity for raising them still brought to Lillington where warhigher, the prospect of placing rants were secured and read to them enough "invisable" value on the books to pring about a reduction of per Little River to the lower corner Highway, in fact, originated in Har- Sumter, S. C. taxes comes as refreshing news to of E. B. Reid's farm on the bank of nett.

Boundary description of Lilling- rection with the line of said E B ton School District, laid out by the Reid to the old McAlister road, act of Legislature of 1913, creating thence with the old McAlister road nah Hotel. to the Cape Fear River, thence up;

Beginning at a point on Cape Fear | the various courses of the Cape Fear River, Purefoy Ferry, and running River to the beginning. thence with the old road in a southerly direction, which has therefore been the line between Lillington an dUpper Little River town- In 1923-24 \$29,747,075.84 was the ships, to a point where said road total spent in the state. Of his sum crosses Duncan's Creek, thence down | \$19,078,656.87, or 64.1 per cent, was | the various courses of Duncan's spent for current expenses, and \$10 .- Freeman, President Lafayette High-Creek to Upper Little River, thence 668,418,97, or 35.9 per cent was way Association.

down the various courses of the Up- spent for capital outlay.

H. H. Rice LAFATETTE ROAD MILLION DOLLAR MEET BEGINS IN SHOWER BREAKS

SAVANNAH TODAY SEVERE DROUTH

All Points Between Raleigh Real Old Fashioned Rain Came and Savannah Have Representation at Big Gathering in Georgia City

All roads lead to Savannah today, A real old-fashioned rain variously for those who are interested in the estimated in value up to one million H. H. Rice, of Detroit, who has been **GEORGE JOHNSON** its proper way. Operating Huge Steam Liquor

Davis, who gave his home as Surry principal through routes in South ati; it worked wonders in relieving county,-were captured Monda, Carolina, if in fact it is not the most the living things upon earth of the of afternoon at a liquor still about highly developed road in that State. sweltering heat, and humans were inthree miles from Spout Springs in Entering the Palmetto State at cinde as beneficiaries. Anderson Creek township, by Federal McColl, the highway stretches like No damage has been reported from Officers Rosser, Wilson, Adams and a wide heavy ribbon released from a the storm with the exception of the Batten and Harnett deputies Salmon, roll and makes a bee-line for the blowing down the big tent which Davis. Nipples, Tare and Pearce. A Georgia border. Through South houses the gospel services of the third man found at the still ran of Carolina the road is virtually Caviness Evangelistic party in Lilwhen the officers appeared and he straight as an arrow. Crossing the lington. Willing hands put to the Total _____\$ 59.005.00 was not taken, neither could they Savannah river a short distance be-task had the tent re-set by noon Sunt Chairman Grantham, upon motion, make cut his identity. I hason and low Hardeeville, the "Straight Road" day and the regular three o'clock heels could carry them when they hard_surface highway that leads almost full of people.

first spied the officers, but the straight to the Florida coast. minions of the law were too swift for The contour of the Lafayette High. BUDDY LUCAS SEVERELY them. Together with Johnson and way is one that compels admiration Davis, he officers captured two still, not only of the route but of the great one a huge steam doubling outfit and feasibility of the entire road as one other property not so listed, if there the other an ancient affair of small that leads from somewhere to someis any. It is generally supposed that capacity which had been discarded where and does it in a business-like this error came about by reason of with the installation of the modera way. Although there is much scenery the fact that the property mentioned and up_to_date mill. About 15 gal- along the right_of_way that is abhas not been assessed for the special lons of liquor found at the plant was sorbing in interest, and a wealth of poured out, together with 2,000 historic interest, yet the practicality by Laster (Buddy) Lucas, 16-year of the highway in its adaptability to The officers reported that Johnson, through traffic is the main point that who seemed to be the business mana, has actuated its promoters and is the ger of the outfit, had a still located feature which is expected to appeal about a quarter mile from the home with grestest force to those who of his father, John S. Johnson. Tom travel north and south.

Davis is unknown in this county. He It is a distance of 300 miles from gave his home as Surry count A Lillington to Savannah by way of the though he told the officers he had a Lafayette, and there are many Davis has never appeared in court for the busy business and professional men that will allow them to Johnson, is now serving a sentence return in a minimum of time. A of three to five years in State Prison | special car has been chartered in for killing Frank Stone a couple of Raleigh and it will be filled with years ago. This killing took place representatives from that city. Com. not very far from the scene of the ing at a time when the peach orstill captured Monday afternoon. chards of the Lillington Fruit Grow-A feature in connection with the ews are approaching shipping Dr. J. session, found it impossible to attend The liquor manufactory was di. the meeting and a local speaker will of Spout Springs It required sev. "swarm" of live road bees on the way The revelation is expected to bring | eral hours search before they located to Savannah. That the meeting will annah is strong for the Lafayette great possibilities that it brings to

Lillington and Harnett county are especially fortunate in having this stretch of highway. The Lafayette

Thursday, July 16, 11 A. M. Abembly and Register at Savan-

11:30 A. M. Call to order by President R. L.

Song "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Highway in their respective counties Invocation-Rev. W. A. Joddard of and memberchips in the highway as-Address of Welcome--Hon. R. M.

Hull, Mayor of Savannah. Response to Welcome-R. L. Report of President-What has evening.

ultimate success of the Lafayette dollars to the farmers of this ter-Highway as the most convenient and ritory, with its accompanying cool shortest route north and south. At winds and resultantly softened at-11 o'clock this morning in the mosphere, brought great relief "to

Last Saturday to Refresh

Wiltering Crops and

Chase Swelter Heat

Georgia port city there will be called all whom it concerned" last Saturday to order the mid.year meeting of the af ernoon. The rain, which was of Lafayette Highway Association in the gulley-washing variety in its what is expected to be not only the volume, came none too soon, accordbest attended session in the associating to farmers who watched the gation to the Pan-American roads, tion's history, but one also to be precious drops fail to earth with a congress, to be held at Buenos Aires in known for it; record_making. It is broad smile of satisfaction on their October. The congress hopes to spread expected that steps will be taken at faces. Coops all over the county, and the gospel of good roads over both the this session to put the road forward especially in the high sandy-loam immediately as "The Shortest and sections, stood in great need of rain Most Convenient Route North and even the dry hot weather plants South." While this has been the showing effects of the long drouth claim for the road all along, yet there Although there is above the average AND TOM DAVIS has occurred to those in leadership crop in prospect in Harnett county, of the association that it is the part there was none reported anywhere TAKEN MONDAY of wisdom to defer the formal open that did not stand in need of rain. ing of the road till every little detail The earth was very dry and drank and detour has been attended to in up the rain as soon as it hit, until the volume had soaked the surface Already the Lafayette Highway is to such extent that a templet of mud coming in for much favorable com- allowed the surplus water to run. ment. Much of its commendation is Not so much of the precious fluid forthcoming by reason of the fact reached the streams, however, as the that the highway builders of South hedg of the rivulets had became just Carolina recognized in the beginning about as dry as the high ground itthat this road was a highly practical | self. There was sufficient of the mois... route and have been constructing it lure to renew the jaded crops, and across the Palmetto State with that the kingdom of vegetation took on Two white men-George Johnson view. The consequence is that the a new lustre overnight. But what f Anderson Creek township and Tom Lafayette Highway is one of the the rain did for vegetation was not Final

Duke, July 14.-Astor Norris, 16. section, near Duke is lying in the old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lucas, of the same neighborhood, last Fri. day night at Antioch Free Will Bap. tist church, Lucas was arrested and jailed in Dunn late Friday night, but was released on ball when it was found that Norris' wounds were not

for the fight between the two young however, maintain that it was an ac. Jim Johnson, a brother of George attend the meeting in Savannah and cident, it is said. The cutting affray that the knife penetrated just below Norris's right collarbone, but he had as yet been unable to ascertain the raid is that no colored man seemed W. Halford, who was scheduled for full extent of the hurt for fear of When brought to the Duke hospital, the clothing of the Norris boy was saturated with blood. Lucas will stand trial in Dunn Thursday for his

been done since last meeting. Address-"What Highway Build.

Appointment of special commit.

Adjourn 1 P. M. for dinner. Afternoon and evening guests of Savannah Motor, Club and citizens of Savannah at Annual Water Carni-

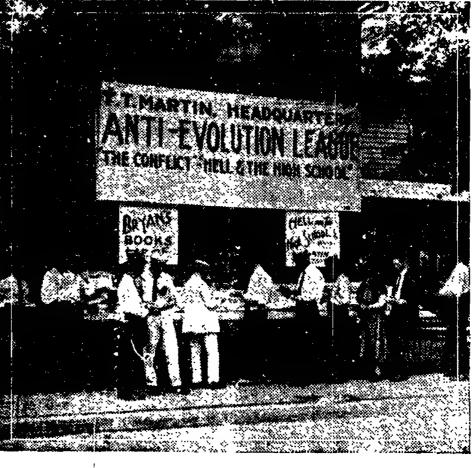
Friday, July 17, 10 A. M. Singing National Anthem. Secretary's Report-T. F. Moffett,

Address-"North Carolina and The Lafayette Highway"---J. R. Baggett Lillington, N. C.

Address-"Bonding to Hard Surface the Lafayette Highway"-Hon. Jas. G. Padgett, Walterboro, S. C. Reports of County Executive Committeemen on status of Lafayette sociation.

Discussion of old business. Discussion of new business. Adjourn at 1 P. M. for fish stew dinner as guests of Savannah Motor Club. Water Carnival afternoon and season in keeping that club prominent of crops as he could handle 75 years B. P. Gentry will be glad to give in.

Anti-Evolution Books Are Selling Fast At the Scopes Trial in Dayton SOLICITOR'S JOB



Religion, science and law mingle at the trial of John T. Scopes in Dayton, Tenn., for teaching theory of evolution. The affair is half circus and half revival. The streets are full of stands selling books, pamphlets, cartoons all devoted to repelling or defending the argument that man developed from inferior forms. Pisture shows booth of T. T. Martin, author of "Hell and the High School" and similar tracts leveled at the "monkey men."

ROAD TO MAMERS FARMERS' PICNIC TURNED OVER TO TO BE A DAY OF HY. COMMISSION ALL-ROUND JOY this time.

tance Tuesday Morning-Engineer Cook To Be County Maintenance Supervisor

Final inspection of the Lillington. Mamers link of highway route No. 60 was made Tuesday morning by Engi.

neer W. F. McKay and District Main. get away, running as it is their its burden of traffic into the broad At the night meeting the tent was tenance Supervisor P. F. Seward of nic, which is to be held at his farm the State Highway Commission. The on July 23. However, we have arroad was accepted and pronounced ranged a tentative program. as one of the best types of claygravel highway in the State. A final the road before it has had time to harden into its permanent shape.

Sand and oil treatment will be apas it runs between Mamors and Jonesboro. With this treatment completed, all of the State highways in this (county will be of the same

Engineer R. W. Cook, who has had charge of the construction of the Lillington-Mamers link, has been given supervision of maintenance of the state roads in Harnett county. He will remain upon this assignment until there is another project con-

During a recent three months period, 75 per cent of the long distance telephone calls between New York and Chicago were completed in less than 5 minutes. Compare this rec. ord with that of European coantries where a search of an hour of more is often necessary to even find a tele... phone from which to put in a call

an average of 38 1.2 bushels of wheat per acre on six acres of land this spring by following a careful crop rotation in which legumes were included, reports County Agent O. H.

Torporcer Helps Hornsby



George Torporcer, inflelder of the St. Louis Cardinals, has been of great in the Mational league pennant race. July 23 When Farmers and Others Will Enjoy County Picnic

Owing to the fact that Mr. Byrd's sawmil) has just been burned and his time and attention taken up with his own affairs, we have been unable to complete plans for the Farmer's Pic.

The exercises will begin at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Under the smothing process will be applied to leadership of Mr. D. P. McDonald and Mr. Henry Faucette we are expecting a string band to furnish music during the day. We have also plied to the road. Already there is secured able speakers, among them being given an oil surface to the road being. Hon. Chas. Ross. Assistant Attorney General and one of the best speakers in eastern Carolina, Mr. James M. Gray, Assistant Director of cere appreciation of the confidence Extension Service of State College, which the Board has placed in nie, texture, except the short links of Mr. O. F. McCrary, District Agent, hard surface in the lower part of the and Mrs. Estelle Smith, District tial service to the Board, to the Home Demonstration Agent. All of Democratic Party and to the Court these speakers will be well worth out of office as well as in office. hearing, so make your plans to come and tell your neighbors they cannot afford to miss being present.

This is a day for farmers and farm women and all others interested in farming, therefore we are asking that you all come and bring well filled baskets. A long table will be fixed in the grove and everybody will spread dinner together.

Mr. Byrd has assured me that the afternoon may be spent in swimming and bathing, so bring your bathing suits and let's have a good day to-

H. A. Edge, Farm Demonstration Agent.

EDGE URGES PLANTING

County Farm Agent H. A. Edge has found that there is to be a short. age of such provision crops as Irish potatoes, beans and cabbage, and he is urging farmers to plant' these as late crops. He is sure that there are a number of farmers who have a few acres of spare land upon which they can put out these crops and thus realize some cash as the provisions will sell well late in the fall.

In this connection it is pointed out that there is never a full supply of tached under the new act is calculat. provisions in the fall; in fact, there ed to take the pep out of the prosecuis a distinct shortage every year, and tion. it is emphasized that right here is where the farmer loses lots of dol. PINELAND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS lars that he might easily gather in it he will only take a little time to plant late provision crops.

that the face of the horse collar scholarship to some girl in Harnett brushed off every night and washed \$100, and the only requirements are at least once each week. This will that the beneficiary be of good moral help to prevent sores.

worker in North Carolina able to great benefit to some girl to take adhelp to Manager Rogers Hornsby this care for three times as many acres vantage of their generous offer. Supt.

SALMON REFUSES GIVING REASONS

Commissioners Elected Him to Succeed Solicitor Brown, But He Says He Can't Afford To Accept

Neill McKay Salmon, Lillington attorney, refuses to accept the job of solicitor for the court of the county recorder, to which position he was selected at the meeting of Board of County Commissioners here last Monday. In a letter to the Com! missioners, who were in session here again Monday of this week, sitting as the Board of Equalization Mr. Salmon tenders his resignation of the job to which they eeleted him; and gives his reasons for so doing Mr. Salmon's letter of resignation

July 13, 1925! To Board of Commissioners of Har. nett County,

Gentlemen:_ I herewith tender you my resignal tion as Solicitor of the Recorder's Court of Harnett County. I understand that under the new law which places this appointment with the

Board of Commissioners, that you voted me this position at your regul lar meeting on last Monday, but under the circumstances surrounding, this appointment. I do not think it wise for me to accept the place at the act that placed this appointment

First, I happen to be the author of with the Board of County Commissioners, and I do not like to be placed in the position of having been the author of an act of the General Ail sembly and then accepting the very first appointment under that act. It looks too much like I tried to create an office for myself.

Second, there has been some little confusion about this office before. at the time you passed the resolution Requesting that I be appointed to fill this position, and in view of this I am afraid there would not be that harmony in the court that is necessary in the just and equitable administration of the criminal laws.

- It is my desire to be ever ready to do whatever I can for the Democratic Party, but in this instance I feel that. things are running along with such to do anything that would cause the slightest dissatisfaction.

I want to express to you my sin. and I trust that I can be of substan.

Yours very truly,

Neill McKay Salmon. The law giving the Board of County Commissioners power and authority to appoint a solicitor for the recorded's court was passed by Representative Townsend at the last session of the Legislature. The passage of the act was said to be at the request of the County Commission. ers following a squabble over the job. The former law gave the prerogative of appointment of solicitor to the judge of the court, with provision for approval by the commissioners. It developed upon Judge Caviness assuming the post, that he wished Caviness Brown to have the job, whereas the commissioners de_ sired Mr. Salmon to have it. No agreement being reached, Mr. Brown has held the job by appointment from Judge Caviness. The act takes effect as of July 1st, and specifies the salary as \$75 per month. Heretofore the pay has been upon the fee banis, and the emoluments are said to have run as high as \$150 to \$200 per Not very many people even knew

that the act was passed by the Legis_ lature affecting the job of solicitor. but it is the consensus of opinion among attorneys that the salary at_

OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP HERE

The News has been requested to announce that Pineland School for Livestock men at State College say Girls, at Salemburg, is offering a should be kept clean. It should be County. The scholarship is worth character and a graduate of an accredited high school. 'Mr. and Mrs. The use of improved machinery W. J. Jones are in charge of the makes the average agricultural Pineland school and it will be of formation relative to the offer.