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

LOCAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TO BE LISTED FOR TAX

Property in Lillington School District Found Unlisted for Years Ordered Assessed for Five Year's Tax

The Board of County Commissioners passed an order directing County Auditor Paul Bradley to list that property in Lillington school district not heretofore listed for taxation and that he assess the said property for taxes as follows: For the year 1920 at the rate of 40 cents on the \$100 worth; for the years 1921 and 1922 at the rate of 60 cents; for the years 1923 and 1924 at the rate of 70 cents. These rates were prevailing in the years named and was paid by all other property owners who listed their property.

Since the discovery of the non listing of some property in the district the matter has been much in dispute; but the action of the commissioners in ordering that all of it be listed and assessed it is presumed that those who have been paying the tax all along will become satisfied. Several reasons have been advanced as to why the non-listed property escaped taxation; but the commonly accepted theory is that the tax lister thought that certain pieces of property were not liable for the local special tax and therefore left them off the list. The present list taker, Charles Rich, was owner of a large tract of land that had been left off—the tract commonly known as Rich's Mill on Little River and which Mr. Rich sold some years ago to T. H. Gephurch of Raleigh. Some of the owners of property in question have since paid the special tax.

A number of property owners throughout the county have found that errors have been made in listing their property and several of them had releases entered to their credit Monday.

Tax collector Burlington made report to the board that he had collected and turned over to County Auditor Bradley the sum of \$32,148.34 on 1925 taxes. The report was accepted and his commissions amounting to \$995.42 were allowed.

Clerk of Court Chaffin made report and attached checks for \$164.90 and \$370.50.

Supt. Parker of the county home listed report and bills amounting to \$294.47 were ordered paid.

Supt. Caviness of the convict camp, filed report and expenses of \$719.63 were allowed.

School District No. 73 in Neill's Creek township carried its election on October 20 by the following vote: Registered voters 127, voting for 72, against 55. J. C. Brown was registrar, J. H. Morgan and J. D. Campbell were judges.

The board passed an order to the effect that no purchases be made for account of the county except upon approval of the county auditor and county attorney.

Several taxpayers had neglected to list their taxes during the regular listing time and upon petition they were allowed to list within the tax collector and pay their taxes.

The county auditor was ordered to place \$1,000 in bank to the credit of the County Road Commission for the bridge fund.

Petitions for special school elections were approved for Upper Little River in the following districts: Nos. 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 90. Upper Little River township is going to have a big consolidated school like unto those of the other townships.

The board after some discussion rescinded a former order paying only half of Deputy Sheriff Kyle Matthews' hospital bill, and ordered that the whole bill be paid.

The board adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in December.

McLEAN NAMES BOARDS OF TWO NEGRO SCHOOLS

Governor McLean has announced the appointment of the following persons as members of the board of trustees of the Fayetteville Colored Normal School, at Fayetteville: H. L. Cook, Fayetteville; Dr. H. W. Lilly, Fayetteville; C. V. Bullard, Fayetteville; and Henderson Steele, Lillington.

The Governor also named four members of the board of trustees of the Elizabeth City Colored Normal School, at Elizabeth City. On this board he named the following: W. G. Gaither, Elizabeth City; T. S. White, Hertford; H. R. Leary, Edenton; and Mrs. J. C. Fearing, Elizabeth City.

COLORED PEOPLE APPRECIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

The colored people of Harnett county greatly appreciate the work of Miss Elizabeth Bridge, former home demonstration agent in Harnett county, as is evidenced by the following letter written by Dr. C. B. Cordington of Dunn, relative to the exhibits in the colored section of the fair there week before last:

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, Oxford, N. C.
My Dear Miss Bridge:
Our annual Four County Fair is just over and we regret very deeply your not being here with us. Our exhibits this year have surpassed other years, by far. The lady that came from Godshere to judge the Home Economics Department asked who taught us, we told her you did. I know it would have done you good to have seen the effects of your teaching. We shall never forget your kindness to us and pray Gods blessings upon your efforts wherever your work will be.

Very respectfully,
C. B. Cordington.

INHUMAN FATHER SENT TO ROADS

Unbelievable Cruelties Said to Have Been Practiced by Moore County Man

Carthage, Nov. 2. Two little girls, Margaret, age 10, and Beulah, age 15, were rescued from a life of torture, in many respects the barbarous cruelty of the middle ages, when their father, Jim Wallace, a farmer and carpenter of the Pinehurst section, was sentenced to serve three years on the chain gang by Judge of the Recorder's Court George H. Hunter. Then the two children were turned over to the care of Miss Lucile Effert, the county welfare officer.

Although the warrant charged cruel and excessive punishment, and the verbal evidence was horrifying, the brutality of Wallace was more strikingly exposed by his various instruments of torture which were introduced into the records as exhibits. They included hickory switches of various lengths and thicknesses, a large mallet and a dozen boards also of different sizes and weights, and an iron poker.

Another exhibit alone sufficient to convict Wallace, and which was introduced on the evening of the day on which she received her last and worst whipping. They showed more than 60 stripes, several deep blue spots, and two little toes almost mashed off, it is asserted, by the crushing heel of her father's shoe. Visible, too, was a bruised spot on her forehead where she had been struck.

No one, it is said, will ever know the cruelty those two little girls have suffered since their mother and father parted eight years ago. He would beat them on the slightest provocation fanned. It is an unusually bad frame of mind, it is said, he would swing them up to a joist by their hands, letting them suffer excruciating pain, as the nooses pulled tighter and tighter around their waists, for an hour at the time.

The only defense of the father was his allegation that the girls were hard to manage, that they had a habit of going to the spring as an excuse to slip off from home. Wallace's indictment and arrest came the early part of the week, the day after the distressing plight of little Margaret was called to the attention of Miss Effert by her teacher, who in turn had been told of the severe whipping by Margaret's cousin.

It was on this occasion that the little girl had been whipped because the father thought she carried on her way to the spring to get him a bucket of water. Margaret said that she went straight to the spring, but finding the surface of the water covered with leaves, she was forced to pick them out. She was engaged in this task when her father, enraged by the delay, came upon her with a hickory switch in his hand. Seizing her roughly by the hair, he is declared to have literally blistered her bare legs. Then he led her screaming under the terrible pain of six lashes to the house where he struck her up to a joist. He refused to give her dinner nor would he grant her plea for water as she hung helplessly from the joist for several hours.

For mistreating Margaret, Wallace received two years on the roads. In the other case, cruelty to his older daughter, he received one year. This sentence to commence at the time when the first expires.

COMMISSIONERS AGREE TO PAY MATTHEWS' BILL

Deputy Who Was Wounded in Discharge of Duty to Get All of His Hospital Expense Footed by County

The Board of County Commissioners agreed Monday to pay all of the hospital bill incurred by Deputy Sheriff Kyle Matthews when he was forced to spend several weeks in a Fayetteville hospital for treatment following his attempted assassination by a blockader. The Commissioners at a former meeting, after much argument against it by one member of the board, agreed to pay half of the hospital bill. Criticism of the refusal of the board to pay all the expense brought out much talk of requests for consideration by the board.

At the meeting Monday, Messrs. J. R. Baggett, Neill Salmon, Caviness Brown and David Henry Senter voluntarily appeared before the board and requested that the entire hospital expense incurred by Mr. Matthews in his treatment be paid out of the county treasury. Mr. Baggett spoke first in advocacy of the county assuming the expense. He eulogized Mr. Matthews in an eloquent way. He paid tribute to his faithfulness as an officer and said that there were none too many of the faithful kind in officialdom. Mr. Salmon urged the board to reconsider its former action and pay all of the bill because Mr. Matthews was carrying out the orders of the board in trying to get the blockaders as well as the stills. Mr. Brown told the board that the taxpayers of the county are not of the type who would complain at such expense as paying the hospital bill of an officer injured while in the actual discharge of his duty. Senter told the board that he had never appeared before any board of commissioners in advocacy of an appropriation, but he was certain that Mr. Matthews' case was one worthy of consideration. He advocated the paying of the whole bill. When questioned by a member of the board as to whether he paid doctor's bills for men hurt in his employ, Mr. Senter cited a case in which he did that very thing. He answered his question very efficiently.

Chairman Grantham put the question to the members of the board. Commissioner Ingram cited an instance where he had paid the hospital bill, medical bill and doctor bill of an employee injured in his service and then made a motion to pay the whole of Mr. Matthews' bill. Mr. Ingram's motion was seconded by Commissioner Buchanan. Chairman Grantham put the motion and it was carried with Commissioner Layton not voting.

SOMETHING HARNETT COUNTY MIGHT DO

The following is taken from "Market News", a bulletin issued by the Division of Markets of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. It points out a splendid revenue from a source that is available to farmers of Harnett county.

"A number of concerns are now contracting with growers in eastern Carolina for cucumbers, tomatoes, cabbage, etc., for pickling. The J. Weller Company of Oak Harbor, Ohio, during the season of 1925 had 800 acres contracted and about 750 acres planted under these contracts. The gross tonnage received from this acreage was about 65,400 bushels of green pickles, or an average of approximately 85 bushels to the acre. The main plant of this company is at Wilmington, N. C., with assembling stations at Castle Hayne and Warsaw. The acreage grown under these contracts were in New Haver, Pender, Duplin and Sampson counties. The Weller Company started business in 1924.

"The Mt. Olive Pickling Company confine their operations to Wayne county and started business in 1925. This company has contracted for 33 acres, the average yield being about 100 bushels to the acre. As this is a new undertaking for the farmers of this section, they are not thoroughly versed in the methods of handling the pickling cucumbers so that in this first season they did not get 100 per cent results. The Mt. Olive Pickle Company express themselves, however, as satisfied with these initial results and it is believed that the pickling industry opens another valuable field to the truckers of eastern Carolina."

MRS. J. H. MOORE IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Mrs. J. H. Moore is in Hignsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, where she was taken late Sunday afternoon for treatment after she had sustained serious injury in an automobile accident at Mamors. Mrs. Moore was riding with her husband, and when she attempted to get out of the car something caused her to fall. Striking her head against the car or against some hard substance in the roadway, a deep gash was cut in her head.

Dr. Phillip of Lillington who accompanied Mrs. Moore to the hospital in Fayetteville, stated that Mrs. Moore was seriously hurt and it would require several days to determine the extent of her injury.

STATE EMPLOYEES ON NEW SCHEDULE

Salary and Wage Commission May Lengthen Hours at Next Meeting

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—The rulings of the Salary and Wage Commission appointed by Governor McLean went into effect Monday with practically no changes from the printed report of the commission, which was made public on October 16.

The commission rejected practically all appeals, but took several cases under consideration, for action at its next meeting, which will be sometime this month. In a few cases the commission pointed the way for action by department heads. In these cases the employees showed qualifications which command higher pay than what they are doing. The commission has struck to the rule that compensation must be on the basis of the actual employment but has pointed out that the duties of employees may be changed.

Department heads are also given practically free rein in regard to temporary employees, either to substitute for absent employees or in case of emergency, but the commission must pass on the compensation of every employee placed on the rolls, either temporarily or permanently and the commission's standards will be applied to all permanent employees.

The commission is expected to do something at its next meeting in regard to requiring the employees to make up time spent in holidays. The commission reduced the twelve legal holidays to six, but retraced from this position when advised by the Attorney General that it was without warrant of law.

However, the commission intimated that the vacation period may be reduced from twelve days to six and the commission also has under advisement abolition of the Saturday half holidays and increasing the number of hours. There is a possibility of any one of these three plans being adopted.

The most noticeable thing Monday was the care of employees to stay within the limits of one hour lunch time allowed by the commission. Slightly longer lunch hours have been in vogue in most of the departments.

THINKS OHIO PLAN GOOD FOR RAIL CROSSINGS HERE

Tax collector Henry A. Turlington, in speaking of the terrible accident that occurred near Godwin last Sunday when four negroes were killed at a railway crossing when a train struck the car in which they were riding, said that a plan in effect in Ohio was proving very efficient in the prevention of such accidents. Mr. Turlington was recently in Ohio in attendance upon the State Fair and he observed the methods employed to prevent crossing accidents. The crossings are fitted with an electric signal bell which rings when a train is approaching within two hundred yards of the crossing, thus giving ample time for cars to come to a full stop. He, as well as many other citizens who have given the matter much thought and study, thinks that some such scheme should be carried out in this State.

MEN-OF-THE-CHURCH

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the service will be given over to the Men-of-the-Church, led by Mr. J. Alton Mettler of Carthage. The men of all churches throughout the county are invited. The women will find a place and a welcome too. We hope that the Presbyterian churches near Lillington will send send delegations of men to this service. We need the men at work in the church. They want to know what they can do. This is an opportunity to find out. Men, this is a special invitation to you. Come.

J. F. Menius.

N. C. FARMS MADE \$429,000,000 IN 1924 SAYS CENSUS

Bulletin Issued by Montgomery & Ward Co. Gives This State Lead Over All South Atlantic Seaboard

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Total value of farm production in the South Atlantic seaboard states was \$1,667,000,000 last year, of which \$1,223,000,000 represented field crops and \$344,000,000 livestock products, according to a recent farm census analysis.

North Carolina led the states in this section in farm production value with a total of \$429,000,000, a bulletin issued by Montgomery Ward & Company shows. Georgia was second with \$363,000,000 and Virginia third with \$315,000,000. Then came South Carolina with \$232,000,000, Maryland with \$122,000,000 and Florida with \$106,000,000. Total farm production of the United States last year was \$17,336,000,000 made up of \$11,404,000,000 in field crops and \$5,991,000,000 in livestock.

Average value of farm production per acre in the South Atlantic seaboard states was \$21, compared with the average for the United States of \$18 an acre. Maryland was first in per acre value with \$27 to its credit, followed by North Carolina with \$21, and South Carolina with \$19. Florida had \$18, Virginia \$17, and Georgia \$14.

Income of American farmers, the bulletin shows, has risen more than 33 per cent in the last ten years. How this increased revenue is raising the standard of living on the farm is indicated by sales statistics of small order houses, which show a growing demand among farmers for more and better merchandise. Many farmers now have automobiles, telephones, radios, electric light, and other modern conveniences formerly regarded as exclusive to the city.

Farms in the South Atlantic seaboard states number 961,343 with an average value per farm of \$6,028. Total farms in the United States number 6,338,343 with an average value per farm of \$12,084.

LILLINGTON SELLS BONDS

Town Attorney M. T. Spears yesterday completed negotiations with the firm of Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the sale of \$12,500 public improvement bonds of the town of Lillington.

The bonds were bought by the Cincinnati concern at a premium of \$205.00, causing the net proceeds to the town from the sale of bonds to be \$12,705.00. Several other bidders wanted the bonds, putting in attractive bids, but the Cincinnati firm's offer was considered the most advantageous to the town, being the highest.

The bonds will also bring accrued interest from their face date of delivery.

STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF 1925 TAXES COLLECTED IN HARNETT COUNTY, OCTOBER 1, 1925—OCTOBER 28, 1925, INCLUSIVE

Anderson Creek	576.16
Averasboro	7,976.78
Barbecue	740.30
Black River	1,484.56
Buckhorn	1,189.00
Duke	981.23
Croce v.	5,891.14
Hector's Creek	1,087.68
Johnsonville	479.19
Lillington	1,409.95
Neill's Creek	2,558.27
Stewart's Creek	3,381.69
Npper Little River	4,413.40
Total	\$32,148.34
Paid to J. P. Bradley, Auditor:	
October 9	5,436.17
" 12	5,457.92
" 15	2,000.00
" 26	15,049.34
" 29	4,204.91
Total	\$32,148.34

MRS. SPEARS IMPROVING.

Mrs. H. T. Spears, who week before last suffered painful injury in a fall when both of her arms were broken, is still confined to the Good Hope Hospital in Duke, where she was taken for treatment following the accident. Mrs. Spears' condition is reported as much improved and it is expected that she will be able to come home in a few days.

LILLINGTON MINISTER APPOINTED A DELEGATE

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—Pursuant to a request made by the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, Governor McLean today commissioned the following delegates to attend the twenty-second national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to be held in Chicago November 5 to 10:

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Raleigh; M. L. Shipman, Raleigh; Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Raleigh; Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh; Rev. Geo. F. Cutbill, Raleigh; N. W. Brown, Hillsboro; Rev. H. L. Hendricks, Lillington; Judge John A. Oates, Fayetteville; Dr. R. P. Anderson, Mocksville; A. F. Seal, Sanford; Rev. L. B. Jones, Sanford; B. L. Umberger, Concord; Rev. J. B. Eller, Statesville; J. H. Separk, Gastonia; W. T. Love, Gastonia; Mrs. N. Buckner, Asheville; Dr. Dan Atkins, Asheville; Rev. A. D. Wilcox, Wilmington; Z. V. Tarlington, Mooresville; Dr. W. A. Harper, Elon College; Dr. L. C. Smith, Polkton; Rev. W. L. Hutchins, Thomasville; Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Henderson; T. T. Hicks, Henderson; Miss Bertha Cates, Burlington; J. G. Rogers, Burlington; A. D. Ward, New Bern; W. H. Weatherspoon, Lurainburg; Prof. R. L. Flowers, Durham; Rev. T. M. Grant, Lumberton; Rev. L. D. Smith, Bethel; Dr. Richard Bagby, Washington; John P. Holoman, Weldon; Prof. K. R. Curtis, Kinston; Dr. John R. Jester, Winston-Salem; R. L. Brown, Oxford; Rev. F. S. Love, Wilson; W. T. Shaw, Weldon; C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh.

N. C. CONFERENCE TO MEET NOV. 11

Hay Street Church at Fayetteville Making Extensive Preparations

Fayetteville, Nov. 2.—The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will convene at the Hay Street church, Fayetteville, of which Rev. J. H. Shore is pastor, on Wednesday, November 11, and will be in session through the Sunday following and probably until Monday. The conference will bring between 400 and 450 visitors to the city. There are 250 clerical members of the conference and 72 lay members, and in addition members of different official boards of the conference and of the general conference, will attend. Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., will preside. There will be morning, afternoon and night sessions of the usual program.

The North Carolina Conference embraces Methodism in the eastern half of the State. The last annual report showed 112,329 members in the conference, including the membership of the Western North Carolina Conference, there are now about 250,000 Methodists in the State. It is expected that the reports this year will show a substantial growth in all departments of the church work.

There are 227 pastoral charges in the conference, with 257 preachers and 758 church buildings and 223 parsonages. The church buildings are valued at \$6,187,371 and the parsonages at \$1,120,000. They are nine presiding elders' districts in the conference. Rev. J. H. Bundy is presiding elder of the Fayetteville district. The Fayetteville church is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the members of the conference and other visitors. The homes of the city have been thrown open, the members of all the other churches co-operating in the true Fayetteville spirit. The homes to which the delegates have been assigned will be published in a few days.

The conference met in Fayetteville in 1912, 13 years ago.

LILLINGTON SCHOOL FARM SOLD TUESDAY

The 40-acre tract of land adjoining Lillington High School, which was purchased some years ago for use as a farm-life school was sold at auction Tuesday and brought in the neighborhood of \$6,500. The tract had been cut up into three-acre lots and these being cried off to the highest bidders were bought by different individuals. Mayor Thomson, who with the United Real Estate & Auction Co., of Raleigh, as selling agents, conducted the sale, stated that the price obtained was very satisfactory considering the trend of the real estate market just now. Several upstate lots offered during the sale did not find anxious bidders and they were withdrawn. The Howard place was bid in by the Bank of Varina.

38 S. & W. PISTOL; ONE NEGRO DEAD; ANOTHER IN JAIL

Mack Crump Loses His Life When He and Julia Dennis Quarrel Over Belt—Julia Arguing With Gun

Julia Dennis, 22-year-old negro woman, is in jail held without bond for the killing of Mack Crump, 30-year-old negro man Sunday morning. The Dennis woman used a .38 calibre Smith & Wesson pistol and fired point blank at Crump's breast with telling effect. He lived only a few hours after being shot.

From the reports of the case it appears that Crump was at the home of Julia Dennis' father-in-law, where Julia was, and for some cause she became embroiled in a quarrel over a belt. The woman became enraged and seized a pistol which belonged to Crump, took a cartridge which he had a few moments before taken out of the pistol, reloaded it and shot Crump.

Not much is known of the dead negro, but officers think he had several names. They think he is the same negro who was wanted in Chatham and Wake counties for crimes he had committed there. They think his real name was Mack Stokes. He died Sunday night at the home of Rom Dennis, father-in-law of the Dennis woman who shot him. The affair took place in Grove township near Coats.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION MEETING AT PINE GROVE

Little River Association, which met yesterday morning at Pine Grove church near Fuquay Springs, is in session today. Business of the association will be concluded with tonight's session. A number of Lillington Baptists attended the meetings yesterday and several will be there today.

KIVETT HOME AT BUIE'S CREEK BURNED SUNDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kivett at Buie's Creek was completely destroyed by fire Sunday about 12 o'clock. Members of the family, who were at home at the time of the fire, were totally unaware of the ravages of the flames until informed by outsiders. James Patterson, colored, of Lillington, was passing with his wife on their way to Coats and happened to look in the direction of the Kivett home and saw their flames on the roof. The house was a total loss. Practically all of the household effects were taken from the building before it was consumed. It is not learned here whether there was any insurance.

DISAGREABLE WEATHER BROUGHT SMALL CROWD

Extremely disagreeable weather Monday was the cause for one of the smallest crowds at the courthouse "first Monday" in many months. Although there was nothing extraordinary about the proceedings before the two boards in session, yet the crowd that came to Lillington to "look in" on the deliberations was so small that it was the subject of remark by many citizens. There were fewer people from out of town than has been the case in years, according to some of the oldest inhabitants.

K. C. BYRD CHAMPION SWEET POTATO GROWER

Mr. E. C. Byrd brought to The News office Monday morning a sweet potato that weighs exactly seven and a half pounds. He stated that it was not the only big potato in his patch; that he had lots of others that would weigh quite as much as the one he brought here, and that he had a remarkably good yield. The potato is of the red yam variety; that it is so much prized for its deliciousness when baked or fried.

Mr. Byrd did not say whether he had any potatoes for sale, but any person who may, like the editor of The News, be short in supply of sweet potatoes, should see Mr. Byrd.

MR. McDONALD RETURNS

Mr. A. A. McDonald, who has been confined in a hospital in Richmond, Va., for the past several weeks, where he underwent operation for gall stone, has returned home. Mr. McDonald came home last Friday, and although he has not ventured out of doors yet, he is reported as being well on the road to complete recovery.