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

TAX COLLECTIONS REACH HIGHEST SUM YET KNOWN

Turlington Turns Over to Auditor Bradley \$425,000 of the \$460,000 Levy—Land Sale May 3rd.

Taxpayers of Harnett county may never have realized that nearly half a million dollars could be collected in taxes to be used solely for the county's purposes, but that is what Henry Turlington has almost brought to pass. The collector has already collected and turned over to Auditor Bradley the sum of \$425,000 of the \$460,000 on the tax books for the year 1925. The collector is still collecting. He figures that by the time the land sale is held, May 3rd, he will have collected at least \$440,000 of the amount on the books. Discosure in the way of insolvents, releases, and the amount left on the books as "land sales" will account for the balance of the \$460,000. To the \$425,000 turned over to the county by Tax Collector Turlington may be added the sum of \$30,000 secured by the county in the McArtan settlement, making \$455,000 coming into the county treasury for the fiscal year, so far. In 1924 the amount coming into the treasury for the 1924 taxes was about \$261,000. In 1925 the amount coming in to the 1924 taxes was practically \$400,000. Of the 1925 levy, which is the taxes now being reported on by the collector, 75 cents was for schools, 25 cents for general county purposes, and 17 cents for county-wide road program, making \$1.17 levy on the \$100 valuation. County Auditor Bradley has expended practically all of the funds coming into the treasury for the year, and when the levy is fixed in August for 1926 taxes, it is figured that the amount must be about \$460,000. Of the additional expense to which the county is put, the schools require a large portion—exactly three-fourths of the general county levy, taking 1925 for example. Then there is the road program. A levy of 17 cents was put on in 1925, but this levy will not take care of any extended construction program. The road now being built to West Harnett will require about \$50,000 to \$60,000, and there are four other main thoroughfares proposed in other sections of the county which will probably require a like amount for each project. A \$300,000 bond issue was proposed to take care of construction of these five thoroughfares, so that the common road tax levy would be left to maintenance projects and interest on bonds, but the big bond issue has been abandoned, at least for the present. If Harnett county is to continue its enlarged program for schools, roads and other objects for which large expenditure is necessary, the 1926 tax levy will necessarily be increased to provide funds. It is stated by those who give serious thought to the county's affairs that a 20 per cent increase in tax levy will be necessary for 1926.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON

(Contributed.)
The Lillington Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting at the club house Friday afternoon at 3:30. Every member is urged to be present as at this time officers for the coming year will be elected. Some have asked: "What is the Woman's Club driving at anyhow?" Come to this meeting and hear an outline of just what has been accomplished during the past two years, and decide to have a part in it. We need every woman in Lillington as a member in order to reach our goal. And we are rated by our paid membership, so please come and bring \$1.00 and become a paid member for the year beginning with April. We are still studying Southern Literature. For this meeting Mrs. Layton will discuss "Literary Contributions by Southern Men of the Early Republic," and Mrs. Dixon will discuss "The Early Women Writers of the South."

MRS. IDA GREEN DEAD.

News was received in Lillington last Friday of the death of Mrs. Ida Green of Wilmington, widow of the late H. McL. Green. Mrs. Green died late last summer. He was a brother of Messrs. W. A. T. E. and R. L. Green of Harnett county. The funeral of Mrs. Green took place Sunday.

WATER FINALLY SECURED FOR LONG BRANCH SCHOOL.

B. P. Gentry, superintendent of Harnett schools, was much pleased a few days ago when assurance was given him that an ample supply of water had been secured for Long Branch school. Early in the fall of 1924, when the school was erected, a well 238 feet deep was bored till solid rock was struck, but no water was available. A bigger machine was brought to the scene early this year and 30 feet more depth was given the well with the result that four to six gallons per minute of water was obtained. It is felt that now Long Branch school will experience no more difficulty on the water question. Long Branch school is located about three miles out of Dunn toward the Cumberland line.

REP. SESSION HARMONIOUS

Durham, April 14.—Former Senator Marlon Butler's plan of organization, providing for the election of a man and woman member of the state Republican executive committee from each county and an additional member from the Republican counties, was defeated by a three to one vote in the Republican state convention here last Thursday. The amendment presented by Johnson J. Hayes of North Wilkesboro, national committee man, providing for the election of the two men and two women members of the committee from each of the ten congressional districts by the district conventions, instead of the state chairman appointing a part of them, was adopted by acclamation. Brown Jackson of Hendersonville, United States marshal for the western North Carolina district, was elected state chairman by acclamation, after Charles A. Jones of Lenoir and A. S. Walker of Currituck. A Cannon of Concord was endorsed as candidate for the United States senate; James J. Britt of Asheville and Washington, who presided over the convention, for chief justice of the supreme court, and Herbert Sewell of Moore county and H. R. Starbuck of Winston-Salem as associate justices. J. J. Jenkins of Siler City was endorsed for corporation commissioner. Frank W. Mondell, former congressman from Wyoming, delivered the keynote address, appealing to stand together and send Republican congressmen to Washington. Congressman Frank Crowther of New York came as a speaker in Mr. Butler's caucus Wednesday evening. He also spoke on the convention floor Thursday. Evidence of a stiff fight early in the convention began to disappear as time passed and the factions cooled down. Between 1,500 and 1,800 Republicans were in attendance, all but eight of the smaller counties being represented.

APRIL CHOP REPORT FOR NORTH CAROLINA SMALL GRAINS

Raleigh, April 14.—The condition of fall sown grain at this time in North Carolina is reported as fairly good, according to a summary of farmers' reports to the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service and the release April 1st by the United States Department of Agriculture. Winter wheat shows a condition about 86 percent of normal as compared with 90 percent at this time last year. Early planted wheat is reported in extra good shape. The winter has been rather favorable to the crop, though the average condition is not up to last year. The past month and the latter part of February were accompanied by heavy rains and some damage from these is reported through the principal wheat producing counties. Stands are fairly good, though plants are small. Should favorable weather conditions continue the crop should produce good yields this year. The preliminary acreage report shows 437,000 acres in cultivation which is 106 percent of the last year's planted acreage. Fall sown oats have not wintered so well as other small grains. Stands are reported as poor and many farmers state that their crop was winter-killed to some extent by hard frosts. Best conditions are to be found through the mountain counties. The condition at this time is 78 percent of normal, as compared with 90 percent at this time last year. Rye is in better shape this year than other small grains, averaging 88 percent of normal. The 78,000 acres in cultivation is 10 percent more than was planted the previous season. The crop has wintered un-

CANDIDATES FILE APPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL HONOR

Announcements of Definite Intention to Make Race Are Unusually Slow in Making Appearance.

With the Democratic primary only seven weeks off, less than half a dozen announcements have been given the public by aspirants for office in Harnett county. While it has been rumored that there are numbers of persons who feel politically inclined, and their names are being mentioned as candidates, yet the public has been given no information from any except three or four that they are permanently in the race. For the State Senate, Neill McKay Salmon of Lillington has made definite announcement that he is a candidate. His announcement is now running in the newspapers. Sheriff Fowler has made an announcement that he will be a candidate, to succeed himself and placed his card in the papers. Also Clerk of Court Chaffin has let the public know that he will expect to be renominated for the same position and is giving the public "the benefit of the doubt" as to whether he is in the race. Miss Mamie Sexton, who two years ago was elected to the office of Register of Deeds, is again announcing herself a candidate for that office. As yet there has been no one who has made public any intention of contesting with her for the nomination. M. C. Upchurch is announcing himself a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Upchurch is well known in the county and is very popular. For Solicitor of the district, the incumbent, Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford is asking the people to endorse his record by renominating him for the office. Citizens are calling for a meeting of all Democrats of Lillington township to meet at the courthouse Saturday, April 17, to name delegates to the county convention. Chairman H. L. Godwin and Secretary Neill Salmon of the County Democratic Executive Committee have issued a call for a convention to be held in Lillington on Saturday, April 24th. This meeting is held for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention in Raleigh on the 29th and also to name a new executive committee.

CONCRETE WORK BEGUN ON ROAD TO WEST HARNETT

Bridge and Culverts Given Out to Two Contractors Who Pledge to Complete Them in 75 Working Days

J. S. Bowers of Whiteville is to build the concrete span across Upper Little River at Murchison Mill for the West Harnett road to cross on its way from Lillington to the Cumberland county line near Manchester. The contract price is to be \$15,255.70. Five culverts on the West Harnett road, including the large one over Anderson Creek, will be built by C. B. Hester of Greensboro at an estimated cost of \$13,720.00 in proportion, which figures out \$30.77 per cubic yard. The culverts include both prongs of Anderson Creek, Little Creek and two other small streams over which the road passes. All of the bridges and culverts are to be completed in 75 working days. Engineer W. T. Smith is proceeding satisfactorily with the project of laying out the road. Grading which has been in progress for the past several weeks has resulted in the opening of a couple of miles of the roadway. Convict labor is being employed in the grading work which is being undertaken by the county without letting contract. It is figured that the concrete bridges and culverts, which will cost approximately \$30,500, will be about half as much as the whole project will cost when completed.

PRODUCE MORE COTTON ON FEWER ACRES

(F. F. Pate, Agronomist)
Ten bales of cotton may be produced on 3 acres, 10 acres or 25 acres. In which class are you expecting to be a member this fall? Your profits from cotton will depend on your answer to this question. Government statistics show that on a basis of 20 cent cotton, a yield of 245 pounds of lint cotton per acre will show a profit of \$18.38; 324 pounds of lint cotton, per acre will show a profit of \$19.15; 401 pounds of lint cotton per acre will show a profit of \$25.83; 495 pounds of lint cotton per acre will show a profit of \$49.93; 618 pounds of lint cotton per acre will show a profit of \$67.77. To obtain the largest yields of cotton here the following things should be done: 1st—Select the best land. 2d—Make a good seed bed. 3d—Use the best seed of a good variety. 4th—Cultivate frequently. 5th—Use heavier applications of fertilizer, having correct proportions of plant food. In applying fertilizers, it is recommended that from 600 to 1200 pounds be used on both sandy and clay soils. On sandy soils a second application of nitrogen may be made when the cotton is thinned. A good grade of fertilizer for sandy soils is 8 to 10 per cent phosphoric acid, 3 to 7 per cent ammonia and 3 to 5 per cent potash. For heavy soils 12 per cent phosphoric acid, 3 to 5 per cent ammonia and 2 to 3 per cent potash is recommended.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

Angier, April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Denning of Angier announce the birth of a son, Joseph Milton, on April 10th, 1926.

MR. J. W. STEPHENSON DEAD.

(Contributed.)
Mr. J. W. Stephenson passed away at his home near Duncan, April 8th. Cancer was the cause of his death. He had spent a considerable sum of money in effort to stay the ravages of the ailment and had also spent some time in a hospital in Richmond, Va., trying to effect a cure, but his effort was all in vain. Mr. Stephenson was 66 years of age and spent his entire life in Harnett county. He was a great believer and booster in the educational program for more than 20 years and was a faithful trustee of the school near his home known as the Macedonia school. His untiring service as a trustee will be greatly missed. His passing has cast a pall of gloom over the entire community. His service will be missed in many ways and walks of life.

COMMENCEMENT AND FIELD DAY EXERCISES FINE

With Early Summer Sunshine the Day Was Ideal for Play the Spirit of Fun Ran High

Though there was a much smaller crowd than usual here to attend the annual Harnett school commencement and field day exercises, those who did attend, super-enthused by the rays of an early summer sun, showed keen interest in everything that took place. At the various points where the scholastic contests were held in the morning the witnesses were those most interested in the success of their favorites. Thus it was that as the commencement exercises were divided between the school, courthouse and church auditoriums, so the audience was divided. As soon as the classroom contests were over the audience quickly consumed whatever noonday meal was so handy and repaired to the ball park where the athletic contests were held. Winners of the scholastic contests were: First grade: Short term schools, Ruby Pearl Tart, Long Branch school; long term, Lillian Johnson, Erwin. Second grade: Short term schools, Clara Rosser, Luart school; long term, Grace Lee, Angier. Third grade: Ruby McLamb, Mary Stewart school; long term school, James Wilburn, Lafayette. Fourth grade: Virginia Green, Buie's Creek; long term school, Joe Canada, Coats. Fifth grade: Lolie Byrd, Bunnlevel; long term, Eunice Arnold, level; long term, Suzanne Armstrong, Lillington. Seventh grade: Essie Black, Hickory Grove; long term, Wesley Fowler, Erwin. Recitation contest: Emily Davis Smith, Erwin; declamation contest: Carl Ousley, Buie's Creek; high school chorus contest, Lillington; elementary school chorus, Lillington. Senator J. R. Baggett presented the prizes to winners in the grade contests which were held in the school auditorium. Representative N. A. Townsend presented the winners with the prizes in declamations and reciters' contests. Declamation contest was held in the courthouse auditorium and the reciters' relay, fourth in the Presbyterian church. Dr. J. A. Campbell presented the prizes in the music contest. That for elementary grades was held in the Baptist church and for the high school in the school auditorium. Winners in the field day events were: Flag relay, Bunnlevel; 50 yard dash, Gertha Adams, Angier; bean bag kick, Gladys Lucas, Erwin; overhead basketball, Bunnlevel; 80 yard dash, Inez Collins, Angier; 300 yard relay, Angier; overrope relay, Angier; folk dance, Erwin first, Lillington second; running high jump, Ralph Johnson, Lafayette; pole vault, Brodie Arnold, Lafayette; 440 yard relay, Lillington; 80 yard dash, Colin Collins, Angier; 100 yard dash, Marvin Bethune, Lillington; 220 yd. run, Claude Pope, Buie's Creek; 220 yard dash, Bunnlevel; 50 yard dash, Theron McCaskill, Bunnlevel; running broad jump, Brodie Arnold, Lafayette; running high jump, McRae Johnson, Lafayette; running broad jump, Marvin Bethune, Lillington; shot put, Erwin Brantley, Lillington. Group A—Pennant for high score of the day, won by Lafayette. Group B—Won by Bunnlevel. Group C—Won by Luart. Lafayette won the silver cup for the best exhibition of the day. Cups for championship basketball winners of the season went to Lillington girls' team and Erwin boys' team. To Charles Ross went the honor of presenting the prizes. Mr. B. D. Burn and Miss Terrine Holleman of the Lillington school rendered valuable aid in arranging for and managing the field day program. Dunn, the largest school in the county, was not represented because an epidemic of measles had broken out and broken up well arranged plans of the instructors there for taking prizes. It was seen disappointment not only for Dunn people, but for those who enjoy each year the excellence of the work by representatives of the school. Coats and Erwin, also two of the biggest schools in the county, were short in representation because their best athletes failed to enter. Miss Beck was assisted in managing the field day

WAYNESVILLE DOCTOR'S NEW SUGGESTION

(From the Smithfield Herald)
Much has been said during the past several months in regard to the scarcity of milk cows in North Carolina and many suggestions have been made to encourage every family to own a "family cow"; but we believe that Dr. J. Howell Way of Waynesville, in a communication to The Charlotte Observer, has offered the best suggestion so far. He urges every mother's club in the State to keep this matter of the decreasing number of milk cows before their members and if necessary to ask the next Legislature to provide "in the machinery act" of 1927 an exemption from all forms of tax of one milk cow for family use. The women of the State are the dietitians and they can perhaps do more to encourage family cow ownership than anyone else, once they are aroused to the need. Folks like to be exempt from taxes for any reason whatsoever, and exempting the milk cows from taxation might encourage many to own a cow who now do not possess one.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM COATS

Honor Roll.

First Grade: Inez Kelly, Neva Dorman, Iola Denning. Second Grade: Robert Godwin, Curtis Ennis, Gladstone Lee, Lillian Byrd, Vallie Langdon, Lucile Sox. Third Grade: Rex Avery, Grace Wood, George Ryals. Fourth Grade: Haywood Roberts, Neil Patterson, Virginia Langdon, Lois Grimes, Josie Cannady, Unetta Byrd, Elsie Williams, Flora Strickland, Valostie Ellen. Fifth Grade: Tiny Weaver, Leta Dorman. Sixth Grade: Kenneth Kelly, Jas. Stewart, Lenwood Stewart, Callie Lee, Gladys Lucas. Eighth Grade: William Patterson, James P. Lee Jr., Bevie Bayles. Tenth Grade: Eubern Dorman, Clyda Byrd, Lucile Lee. Eleventh Grade: Cortez Williams. The average daily attendance is very gratifying. Three hundred and seventeen pupils were enrolled during the month. The attendance was 288, or a little over 90 per cent. The school day begins at 8 a. m. each day in order that the children may get home early to assist in the farm work. A great deal of interest is given to baseball. The large boys and the large girls each have a diamond which is to use all the recess time. On Thursday Rev. Mr. Hinson, pastor of the Methodist church of Jonesboro, addressed the high school. On Friday Prof. Owen Odum, former principal of the school, paid us a visit. About the same time Supt. B. P. Gentry dropped in. While these gentlemen were exchanging greetings Mr. Cole Savage, county farm agent, knocked at the door. Mr. Savage proceeded to organize a boys' club, having 26 members. Architect Cannady has made the necessary measurements in order to draw plans for the new heating plant and sanitary equipment. Bids for this work will be let shortly. J. H. Taylor.

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PROSPECT GOOD FOR BEST PEACH CROP IN YEARS

Agricultural Statistician Says Sandhills Has Average Condition of 94 Per Cent of Full Crop.

Raleigh, April 14.—Peaches—yes, floods of peaches are in prospect in the commercial areas of North Carolina. In fact, there are too many they peaches on the trees now. Very little frost or other damage, and a large per cent increase in bearing trees this year is reported, according to field specialists of the Department of Agriculture. Of course, later damage may radically change these early conditions. A full crop of peaches for this State is forecast by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, from compiled estimates of 140 commercial peach growers. The average of estimates by orchardists for their individual farms indicates that only 16 per cent of the fruit had been injured by frost on March 23rd. Since that date, according to weather reports, no serious damage has been done by cold. A peach orchard ordinarily will have a heavy crop after most of the fruit buds have been killed. The average condition for peaches reported by farmers over the State, as compared with normal or a full crop, was 78 per cent. The average for the Sandhills section, reported by commercial growers, is 94 per cent. The spring condition of trees is lower than usual, due to the effects of the drought last fall, and in some sections to hailstorms rather neglected by the farmer. "Conditions" containing two carloads of peaches, throughout the season, a much larger crop is expected this year, as there will be approximately 650,000 trees of bearing age or near 40 per cent more than last year. According to reports on almost 2,000,000 trees in the Sandhills area, 47 per cent are in Elbertas, 25 per cent Georgia Belles, and about 10 per cent in Hiley Belles. As most growers know, the Elbertas are about the first to bloom, and consequently the first to be damaged by early frosts. The Sandhills peach orchardists are busy spraying, fertilizing and cultivating orchards this month. The care of the orchards ranks quite favorably with the best California conditions. Unless more severe cold weather occurs, heavy hand thinning will be necessary. Of course, there is a natural drop which occurs about the first of May. Estimates from Sandhill authorities indicate an expected 3,000 car crop. Heretofore, these forecasts have been high. Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician.

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