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

TAX COLLECTOR HAS MUCH YET TO BE COLLECTED

February 1st Report Shows \$40,283.28 Collected in January, Leaving About \$185,000 Yet on Books

Tax Collector John Green has on his books about \$184,000 of the 1926 taxes yet to be collected, according to his report to the Board of County Commissioners Monday. Estimating in round numbers \$500,000 on the books to begin with on October 1st, the collector has from month to month submitted reports covering collections amounting to \$368,000. His report for January, submitted to the Board last Monday, is as follows:

| Township | Amount |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Anderson Creek | 892.79 |
| Averasboro | 13,700.81 |
| Barbecue | 1,106.56 |
| Black River | 5,445.20 |
| Buckhorn | 1,395.37 |
| Duke | 8,222.66 |
| Grove | 4,324.87 |
| Hectors Creek | 1,700.45 |
| Johnsonville | 537.90 |
| Lillington | 4,107.14 |
| Neills Creek | 1,374.26 |
| Stewart Creek | 2,485.81 |
| Upper Little River | 2,339.46 |

Total collections for \$40,283.28 in the list of townships, Averasboro being the largest taxpaying township, has the largest amount yet to pay. There is yet standing against Averasboro a fraction over \$88,000. Lillington township has paid only about 50 per cent of the taxes listed in the township. Duke is the banner township in paying taxes. That township has paid practically all that is charged against it. Johnsonville, which has the smallest list of taxables of any township in the county, has established a good paying record, about three-fourths of the amount charged against that township having been paid.

While Collector Green has a long way yet to go in completing his collections, he is confident that before the time arrives for advertising land for sale for taxes, he will have gathered in a large portion of the amount yet to collect. He is now laying on personal property wherever the same may be found.

CARELESSNESS IS CAUSE OF FIRST FIRE OF SEASON

Warden Huffines Gives Reason for Fire That Destroyed Property Values in West Harnett

Carelessness was the cause of the first fire in Western Harnett of the 1927 spring fire season. This fire started from chunks and coals being thrown from a plant bed that had been burned preparatory to sowing the seed. They did not think there was fire enough among them to kindle up and set fire to trash on which they were thrown. But a fire burst later about 350 or 400 acres of the latter place and some adjoining farms are clean of grass, a good bit of highwood, lots of little trees, and game of all kinds, while the growth of large trees will be retarded. About \$25 to \$30 of well earned public money will go to pay the fire fighter who stopped the fire, thereby protecting the adjoining timberlands, buildings and fences. We are glad that most people have learned to be very careful with fire, and hope the day will soon come when all people will be. Then we will not have to endure the hardship of fighting fire, and the smoke clouds that some times last for days. Then our landscape will not be marred by acres and acres of burned and blackened earth, and burned, scorched and stunted trees.

D. A. HUFFINES, District Forest Warden.

FORM AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION

N. B. Lee, B. M. Brewer, Mack M. Jernigan and others of Dunn are the incorporators of the Four County Agricultural Credit Corporation, papers for the incorporation of which were issued by the Secretary of State Monday. The corporation is formed for the purpose of assisting farmers in financing loans. The capital stock authorized is \$100,000. The subscribers have taken \$10,000.

MR. ROYALL HERE

Mr. John S. Royall of Washington, D. C., was a visitor here during the past week. Mr. Royall was the organizer of the Standard Sand and Gravel Corporation. After erecting the large plant he established the business of gravel mining on a firm basis here and did an immense business with his company formed with Messrs. White, West and Webb. Mr. Royall sold out his interest and has been devoting his time since then to other enterprises. Many people here would be delighted to have him locate here again. The Royall family will spend the balance of the winter at Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

JAMES L. TURNER, LEE CO. SHERIFF, DIES OF WOUNDS

Shot on Afternoon of January 30 When Raiding a Liquor Making Outfit Near Lee-Chatham Line

Sanford, Feb. 9.—James L. Turner, sheriff of Lee county, died at Central Carolina Hospital at one o'clock Tuesday morning from the effects of a gunshot wound he received on January 30 when in company with several deputies he raided a liquor-making outfit near the Lee-Chatham county line. Sheriff Turner was shot with a heavy load. Since receiving the wound he has been confined to the hospital here lingering between life and death. Six men are being held in connection with the shooting of Sheriff Turner and his deputies, they being confined to Wake and Durham jails. Deputies Craig of Lee county and Wiley of Chatham were the others wounded in the shooting, but they are improving and are expected to recover.

Bud Davis and his son, Tom Davis, Malcolm Harrison, Nat Ray, Burton Tilly, Fred Dixon and Connie Perry are the parties arrested in connection with the shooting. They are being held without bail.

When Sheriff Turner and the deputies went to raid the still, a pitched battle resulted. After the wounding of the sheriff and two deputies the liquor makers fled. They were trailed to Wake county and finally captured. Bud Davis, commonly regarded as the ring-leader of the gang, surrendered to Sheriff Blair of Chatham county last Sunday night after he had been declared an outlaw and a price put upon his head. The affair created quite a stir in Lee and adjoining counties and blood of many citizens went hot when it was learned that Sheriff Turner was perhaps fatally wounded. Even now, there might be grave consequences should the accused men be brought to this county.

DAVIS STILL IN JAIL

Durham, Feb. 9. Tom Davis, alias Tom McAviney, arrested by Sheriff John F. Harward and his deputies here on Monday last week for impetration in the blockader battle with Lee county officers last Sunday, is still being held in the Durham county jail until time for the trial at Sanford. Davis was raising his gun to his shoulder when Deputy Hall fired at him, one buckshot shattered the second joint bone in his thumb, causing him to drop the gun. He was trying to get out a special six shooter pistol when the officers closed in on him. Sheriff Turner, of Lee, and one of his deputies were seriously injured and another deputy slightly hurt in the battle the preceding Sunday.

MR. J. H. DIXON TAKES POSITION AT LIBERTY

Chief of Police J. H. Dixon, who tendered his resignation to the Town Commissioners some time ago, has accepted the position of superintendent of water works for the town of Liberty.

Mr. Dixon was in town yesterday as a witness in Superior Court.

Mr. Dixon and the children will remain here till school closes, and will then join Mr. Dixon in Liberty.

JOHNSON-SCOTT

Friends will be interested in the following announcement: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Johnson, of Chalybeate Springs, announce the marriage of their daughter, Daisy, to Mr. James Kingham Scott, February 1st, 1927, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Johnson was associated with Drs. Halford and Riddle in the Central Harnett Hospital here where she made many friends.

LOVE OF A GIRL INTERESTING LEADS TO ARREST OF FRED FREEMAN

Sheriff Kyle Matthews Catches Young Auto Thief by Lying in Wait for His Return From Joy Ride

If Fred Freeman, 18-year-old white boy of Varina, had not allowed his affection for a young lady near Erwin to entice him there Monday night, he might have evaded arrest by Sheriff Kyle Matthews and his deputies. Young Freeman had stolen a nice Hudson coach in Raleigh. He went to the cotton mill town to take his sweetheart to ride. Sheriff Matthews got a tip on Freeman's movements and went to Erwin in John Northam's high-powered Lincoln. Parking near the home of Freeman's sweetheart, the officers waited for him to return from a joy ride. When he drove in sight he was placed under arrest.

"If I had gotten a minute or two ahead of you, you'd never have caught me," Freeman told the officers. He had given worthless checks. It is said, to proprietors of filling stations in Fuquay and Bunnlevel. He stole the coach from J. W. Mann in Raleigh Sunday night.

Tuesday Officers and Pearce came from Raleigh and took Freeman back to answer the theft charge.

Unofficially it is learned that many crooks who have formerly made of Lillington and Harnett rendezvous are now giving this territory a wide berth. "That fellow Matthews is a dangerous man," is said to be the word the crooks have passed around.

Postal Inspector Yarborough of Raleigh, who was here one day the past week, reiterated the statement made by him on the witness stand in the trial of Cook, Moore, Burgess and Koontz, youthful rogues who were sent to State prison, that a majority of the crooks who come into this territory visit Lillington. Inspector Yarborough was here for the purpose of apprehending a party known to have been hiding in Harnett county for the past year and a half.

It is said by the authorities that crime is decidedly on the decrease in Harnett county, being noticeably slack in recent months.

GOOD PROFITS FROM POULTRY SHIPMENTS

Vocational Instructor J. O. Anthony, Who Supervised Shipments, Points Out Advantages in Poultry

The fact that a shipment of poultry from Dunn on February 4th brought in for the poultry raisers of Harnett county the neat sum of \$1,053 is pointed out as a great inducement for more poultry in this county. Vocational Instructor J. O. Anthony, of Lillington High School, who supervised the shipments of poultry, says that farmers who sold their poultry cooperatively for the shipments are more than satisfied with their returns. Getting more farmers to raise more poultry is the aim of those who have been interested in the project.

Mr. Anthony states that the reason why shipments cannot be made from other points in the county is that no railroad facilities are afforded outside of Dunn. Here is a point that might be raised to face the Norfolk-Southern railroad in its lack of service in this county. Some concerted action should be brought to influence that railroad in giving better service, say the poultry raisers.

JUDGE CAVINESS THINKING OF GOING TO EUROPE

Judge Joe Caviness of Harnett County Recorder's Court is thinking of entering the Raleigh Times' subscription campaign with a view of winning a trip to Europe to attend the reunion of World War Veterans. Members of the local post of the American Legion and others are urging Judge Caviness to enter. He has not yet definitely decided as to the matter, but states that he will make announcement in a few days. If Judge Caviness should decide to enter the campaign, his friends in Harnett will rally to his aid.

Writing Tablets, 6 for 25c, at The News office.

INTERESTING FOREST TALK

H. N. Wheeler, special lecturer of the U. S. Forest Service, was greeted by a small audience last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock when he gave one of the most interesting lectures heard here in many months. But the small audience was interested to the point of enthusiasm when they realized that they were listening to something far and above the commonplace recital of figures showing natural resources. Mr. Wheeler had prepared his talk in such a way that it could be caught up and absorbed by the lay mind. He made his points so plain that they were easily grasped and in that way he sent his message home.

The lecture was free. Mr. Wheeler is touring the State under auspices of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

HARNETT BOY IN LEAD IN CONTEST IN ATLANTA, GA.

Thornal O'Quinn, of Marners, Scored Highest of Any Individual in Fruit and Vegetable Judging

Thornal O'Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. O'Quinn of Marners, is champion individual judge of fruits and vegetables if he is to take honors won at Atlanta, Ga., in his personal account. For this young man scored highest mark of any individual in the contests held there last week. Thornal is a State College student, and Prof. Z. P. Metcalf writes the following letter to Mr. and Mrs. O'Quinn:

Dear Mr. O'Quinn: I presume that you have already been advised of the fine showing made by the Horticultural Team in the recent Judging Contest in Atlanta. However, I want to congratulate you on the fine record that your son is making here on the campus, and to tell you that we both have reason to be proud of our boy, for you know that we claim a share in him. He is also making a fine record in the class-room this year, and in other student activities. If there is any way at any time in which we can be of service to you, please advise us. Very sincerely yours, Z. P. METCALF, Director of Instruction School of Agriculture.

State College won first place in the contest. R. S. Gaston of Asheville, was second, leading in the apple contest. Thornal led the whole bunch when it came to judging pecans. Three loving cups and two gold medals were brought home by the State College boys, and these winnings were made possible by Thornal's superior qualities as a judge.

KILLGREGY NOW SERVING SPECIAL TURKEY DINNERS

Mrs. J. B. Moss, proprietress of The Killigregy Hotel, announces that special evening dinners will be served once each week—on Thursdays. The dinner will be served this evening from 6:00 to 7:30. The price will be one dollar and guests are requested to reserve their tables.

Music will be rendered during the dinner hours. Special dinners at The Killigregy on occasions heretofore have drawn large patronage and it is expected that now, as a regular order, the dinners will find even greater favor.

MR. O'QUINN AT HOME

Mr. Merimon O'Quinn is here to stay a while with home folks. He has just returned from Honolulu, where he was in the army service for three years. He has not made up his mind whether he will enlist again. He is now out of the service on discharge after his enlistment has expired.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE GRAVEL PITS

Outside of a visit by Mr. John S. Royall to Lillington the past week, nothing new has developed in the way of starting operations at the gravel pits. It was rumored that Mr. Royall, who established the business, would be interested in resuming operations, but he did not make any statement.

COMMISSIONERS ORDER COUNTY ATTORNEY TO SUE

For Taxes on Property Sold by County as Delinquent During Years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925

The Board of County Commissioners at their meeting here Monday issued the following order: "It is ordered that I. R. Williams, county attorney, proceed at once to collect by suit if necessary all taxes due on lands sold for taxes for the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925, said attorney to deliver on each first Monday to the Board of Commissioners the amount collected during the preceding month, and also a report of his expenses."

There is property in the county that has been sold regularly each year during the years mentioned above, and the county has successively bid it in for taxes. A considerable sum of money is involved in the delinquency.

Practically all other matters considered by the Board were of a routine nature, such as the receiving of reports of the various county officials, allowance to paupers and welfare, etc. Sheriff Matthews rendered a report of the activities of his office, showing a large number of arrests and convictions for various offenses. The report gave in detail the many activities of his two rural deputies, Messrs. M. C. Upchurch and Lee Turlington. It was suggested that the Commissioners have the report published, but the Board failed to pass such an order.

Clerk Chaffin with his report turned in checks covering fines and forfeitures amounting to nearly a thousand dollars which will help to boost the school fund.

Tax Collector John Green made report showing \$40,283.28 collected during January.

The Board conferred with the County Highway Commission, which was also in regular monthly session; also with the Board of Education.

The matter of appointing a successor to W. P. Byrd, who resigned from the County Highway Commission January 1st, was left open till the next meeting.

STARTS NEW SUIT AGAINST CO-OPS

W. H. W. Holder, farmer of Marners, who started suit against the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association some weeks ago, accepted nonsuit in Superior Court Tuesday and immediately began a new suit. The first suit was begun in the nature of an inquiry into the affairs of the Cotton Association, of which Holder was a member, the ultimate relief to be sought, it is supposed, being a receivership for the Association in order to put it out of business.

The bond in the new suit, it is stated, will be signed by B. J. McFarland. Papers in the case are now in the hands of attorneys who are working on the preliminaries to the starting of the suit. J. R. Baggett of Lillington is attorney for Holder, while Person of Louisburg will be associated in the prosecution of the suit.

Mr. Person was in Lillington a day or two the past week. He is the same attorney who battled against the Tobacco Association till it was placed in the hands of receivers.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir members of the Baptist church are requested to be present Thursday evening at 7:30. If it's cold we will have the church heated. Come on time and we will leave on time. B. D. BUNN, Leader.

MRS. BAGGETT IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. R. Baggett spent the week-end in Fayetteville with her sister Mrs. Charles Ingold. On Monday Mrs. Baggett entered Pittman Hospital where she will undergo treatment for several days.

MR. JOHNSON CONTINUES ILL

Mr. Jimmy Johnson of Neill's Creek township continues quite ill at his home. Mr. Johnson has been in poor health for some time. He appreciates visits from his friends and requests The News to state that his age and health will not permit him to visit and so he desires his friends to call.

TAXES COLLECTED AND TAXES DUE

| Collected. | Due. |
|---------------|--------------------|
| And. Creek | \$ 9,007.10 |
| Averasboro | 62,947.97 |
| Barbecue | 7,319.63 |
| B. River | 17,182.52 |
| Buckhorn | 6,834.86 |
| Duke | 77,310.67 |
| Grove | 21,155.55 |
| H. Creek | 11,041.84 |
| Johns'ville | 6,468.33 |
| Lil'gton | 15,089.70 |
| N. Creek | 10,477.57 |
| S. Creek | 12,664.80 |
| Up. Lit. Riv. | 16,707.25 |
| Corps. | Distributed 946.40 |

Totals - \$308,741.49 \$185,709.00
John Green, Tax Collector.

FOR COMMUNITY NIGHT A FUNFEST HAS BEEN FIXED

Committee in Charge Gives Out No Details But Assures Public That Everybody Can Attend Free

Friday night, the 11th, is Community Night in Lillington, and the Parent-Teacher Association, sponsor for the event, feels sure that the committee appointed to arrange for the "Follies" will make good when the curtain rises at 7:30 o'clock. As to what there will be to see, nothing is given out to the mere public except that The News learns there will be a monstrosity large and cake-walk given as a prize for the cakewalk, and that the old-fashioned and now extinct quadrille will be revived for the evening. Also, it is hinted there will be some fancy stepping known in terpsichorean parlance as clog dancing.

Various and sundry sweetmeats will be offered as tempting bait for the nickels and dimes that might be lost from careless pockets but which can be put to serviceable use by the P. T. A. "Money's worth" will be guaranteed, however, but everything invested in—returns to be gained either in value of articles purchased or in joy derived. So it's squarely up to the joyfully inclined.

The P. T. A. wants to buy a curtain and other stage fixtures for the new auditorium. Attendants at the concert Monday night realized the miserable awkwardness in having performers appear and disappear right before the uncompromising gaze of a critical audience. While the superior grace of the lady holding the stage Monday night enabled her to lift and lower an imaginary veil in delectable fashion, yet there are times when the embryo artists of local talent find it almost unbearably embarrassing to have no "cover." The stage needs a curtain, you understand, and the P. T. A. is going to furnish it. That's it.

But for Community Night the lack of a curtain will not be noticed—may not be needed, in fact, because everybody will want to see everybody. This opportunity will be given. That's what is intended. And if you don't attend you will miss seeing everybody and everybody will miss seeing you. So you're going. So is everybody else.

BARBECUE NEWS NOTES

Last Sunday afternoon the Sunday School choir from Mt. Pisgah Broadway and Barbecue met at Lefflette Presbyterian church. After several hymns were sung by each choir, Prof. Judd of Broadway gave an inspiring talk on Sunday School. The meeting was then adjourned, and everyone went home feeling that they had been benefited by being present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cameron of Pine Huret, spent the week-end with Mr. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron.

Miss Hattie Warwick was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard Sunday.

Mrs. T. R. Rosser visited her brother, Mr. J. M. Harrington, on Jonesboro Route 2, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edna Newell, of Jonesboro Route was quietly married to Mr. Leon Rosser, of OH7ia, Saturday night. Their many friends wish them much happiness in their future life. They are making their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rosser, of Olivia.

Miss Fionnie Champion, of Olivia, spent Saturday evening in Sanford.

Miss Elsie Womack, who is teaching at Marners, spent the week-end with relatives at Swann's Station. Messrs. Angus Cameron and Percy McNeill attended the union singing at Lefflette Sunday evening.

COUNTY'S ROAD FORCE TO BEGIN ON NEW PROJECT

Supervisor Ballard to Start Work on Project No. 4, Erwin to Angier—No Contract Let on This Road

County Highway Supervisor M. L. Ballard has been instructed by the County Highway Commission to move his forces now employed on the Lillington-Manchester highway to Erwin, where they will begin clearing the right of way for the Erwin-Angier road. This move is expected to take place in a few days, the force having nearly completed surfacing the Lillington-Manchester road as far as Cambro. Contractor Mangum will surface the road from Cambro to the Cumberland line. Two or three contractors were here Monday to bid on construction of the Erwin-Angier road, but the Board did not ask for bids on the project. It is expected that as soon as the county forces have cleared the right of way a contract will be let for grading and probably for part of the surfacing.

The county forces have finished grading and surfacing all of the Lillington-Manchester road as far as Cambro with the exception of a short stretch near Flat Branch. They will surface the road to Anderson Creek school and then let contractor Mangum finish it. The contractor's force is camped near the Ceph West farm about half way between Cambro and the Cumberland line. He has only about one and a half miles more to grade before he commences surfacing.

The County Highway Commission is very anxious to complete the Lillington-Cumberland road and begin work on the Erwin-Angier road. It is stated that these two projects will be rushed to completion as quickly as possible.

T. B. CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

Miss Beck Says Arrangements Made to Care for All Desiring Examination—Local Woman's Club to Assist

Miss Dora Beck, county superintendent of welfare, states to The News that all arrangements are made for holding the tuberculosis clinic in Lillington beginning Tuesday, February 21st. Dr. Lee of State Sanatorium will conduct the examinations, and he will be assisted with the patients by Mrs. J. W. McArtan. The clinic will be held at the Woman's Club, which organization is rendering assistance to Miss Beck in preparing for the care of patients as well as assisting in making arrangements. It is asked that all citizens, physicians in particular, join efforts to have all tubercular suspects examined during the clinic.

At a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. P. Byrd last Thursday night, plans were formulated for the carrying out of all necessary arrangements for the clinic. It is asked that anyone desiring examination write to Miss Beck and make appointment at the clinic. Members of the committee are: Mrs. W. P. Byrd, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Hockaday, Mrs. C. E. Sorrell, Mrs. Will Parker, Mrs. Hiram Baggett, Miss Dora Beck, Rev. J. F. Menius, Dr. J. W. Halford.

No estimate is at hand giving the number of persons in Harnett county who are suspected of having the germs of tuberculosis, but it is said that the number is alarmingly large. It is with the intention of gaining definite information and rendering assistance to those suffering or likely to suffer, that the clinic is being held. It is hoped that all people in the county will render every assistance possible to those in charge of the clinic in order that the disease may receive a definite check in this county through the treatment offered at Sanatorium. The clinic will not give treatment, but will recommend whatever course is necessary.

STEPHENSON-PLEASANT

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Stephenson, of Angier, announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine, to Mr. Arlen K. Pleasant. The wedding takes place today at the home of the bride's parents on R. F. D. 1, Angier.