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TAXES AND AMENDMENTS HELD UNDER \$1000 BONDS

Discussed Before Louisburg Kiwanis Last Friday Night

Members of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club enjoyed a very exhaustive discussion of the question of tax sale and the amendments to be made in the General Election at their regular luncheon on Friday night. The program was in charge of Kiwanian Beam. E. H. Malone spoke on the Amendments and E. F. Griffin was called upon to explain the present laws relative to the foreclosures of tax sale certificates and the County Attorney's duties with respect thereto. There were several talks made on this interesting subject which brought out the following information:

That in order to properly understand the present laws requiring that land sale certificates owned by the counties and municipalities be foreclosed within eighteen (18) months from the date thereof, it is necessary that we find the reason for such laws and how they were prepared and enacted. Until we built our good roads and school houses and enacted the Six Months Compulsory School Law, only a small amount of taxes was necessary to operate the government. Practically everybody paid their taxes and there was no need for laws to compel a fellow to do his duty to his government; but when we got out of the mud and began to fight ignorance, it became necessary that we collect a larger amount of taxes which overhauled our old machinery and something had to be done. Although enough taxes were being levied each year to take care of the County's needs and although taxes were increasing yearly, a majority of the counties in the state were falling behind in meeting their obligations in sums amounting from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per year. These deficits were rapidly increasing and the credit of not only the counties but the entire state was impaired and in great danger of being lost entirely. Counties had to borrow money at a high rate of interest. The annual deficit in Franklin County ranged from \$5,000 to \$10,000 until in 1927, our total deficit for operating expenses amounted \$125,000. This in spite of a steady increase in taxes! And our sinking funds have just about disappeared. Conditions were alarming. Something had to be done. Therefore, sometime in August 1925, Governor McLean acting upon the request of the State County Commission Association appointed a Commission composed of Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of State College, Prof. A. C. McIntosh, N. C. University, Edwin Bridges, Charlotte, G. V. Cowper, Kinston, F. R. Spruill, Rocky Mount, and several others to study our county government and see how best to remedy the trouble. After two years' careful study and with the aid of an expert Bond Attorney, several bills were presented to the 1927 General Assembly and enacted by that Assembly into Public Laws of North Carolina—among which was the law requiring tax sale certificates to be foreclosed.

There are just two main differences in the foreclosure law, as it now is and was prior to the Statute of 1927. The first difference is that under the old law the Sheriff was given credit for all tax sale certificates, just as he is now; but they were immediately returned to him for collection and he was allowed additional compensation for making such collection. After they had remained with the Sheriff for one year, the County could (after due notice) either take a deed from the Sheriff for the land described in the Sale Certificate, or bring a suit to foreclose in very much the same manner as is now the law. It was not mandatory upon the County to either take a deed or foreclose the certificate. Consequently, most of their certificates remained in the Sheriff's office until they were paid off and when the taxpayers saw fit. Of course, in time a large part of these taxes were paid but in the meantime, the man who paid his tax promptly had to pay a high rate of interest on borrowed money to operate the county government; and in addition to that, had to pay the extra cost of collecting from the delinquent taxpayer. Some of these certificates remained in the Sheriff's office from seven to ten years and would probably never have been paid. Right now we are foreclosing in Franklin certificates for 1929 taxes past-due for more than ten years.

In contrast to the old method, the taxpayers are now given nine months before being declared delinquent. If the taxes are not paid within that nine months, the real estate is sold at the courthouse door and if purchased by the County, a certificate is issued by the Sheriff, given credit for same in his settlement and is then turned over to the County Accountant for collection. The County Accountant holds the certificate for fourteen months and if the taxes are not then paid, he must turn it over to the County Attorney for foreclosure. Thus, you see that every taxpayer is given twenty-three (23) months in which to pay his taxes before one penny of cost

George Parrott, Wilbur Peoples, Russell Lane and Harry Bishop, all white, and coming to Louisburg with the fair crowd were sent to jail yesterday morning upon their failure to give \$1,000 bond each imposed by Mayor L. L. Joyner, to be present and answer charges growing out of a big sale of the fair grounds and continued down Street Wednesday night, which began, it is stated, after H. M. Dickson and Wilbur Gardner had been robbed of around \$200 and \$225 respectively. Whether it is understood or not, it is understood that the crowd thrown over his head and beaten when he was robbed. Dickson lost his and was badly beaten. It is understood, when he went to Gardner's aid.

The preliminary hearing was had before Mayor Joyner who imposed \$1,000 bonds for appearance at Court.

is added. In addition to that, the Legislature reduced the penalty from 20 per cent to 8 per cent for all taxes prior to 1923 in order to help the delinquent taxpayer with this cost. The penalties for 1923 and thereafter being placed at 12 per cent and 8 per cent.

The County Attorney must bring foreclosure suits on each one of these certificates within four months from the time they are turned over to him, or the certificates are barred by the Statute of Limitation. You, therefore, see that the Sheriff, the County Accountant, the Commissioners and the County Attorney are all powerless to delay these suits unless they are willing to lose these taxes and become personally responsible for them; and, also, to lay themselves liable to criminal indictment. And we all know that public officials are subject to being indicted at almost anytime—especially in Franklin County.

The other difference is that the delinquent taxpayer must now pay the cost of collecting his own taxes which have been past due for more than twenty-three (23) months. Instead of having it paid by his neighbor. This hurts him more than having to pay the tax. He has ridden his neighbor so long and come to be such a parasite that he resents being made to pull his part of the load. In fact, he cries so loudly that some of our good taxpayers have almost been convinced that they ought to still pay more than their share and let them go tax-free.

From the above, you will see that every taxpayer is given at least twenty-seven (27) months in which to pay his taxes before his land is actually sold; and it does look like if he really wanted to bear his part of our government expenses, he could leave off smoking, drinking coca-colas, a movie or two, unnecessary automobile trips, or perhaps a new car; and within that time, pay his taxes.

The process of foreclosing a tax sale certificate is just the same for \$1 in taxes as for \$5,000 in taxes; and just the same for a 10-ft. lot as for a thousand-acre farm. There is no difference in the procedure and work required to make the foreclosure; and therefore, the cost is necessarily the same.

The first step in bringing these suits is the preparation of a card for each certificate, description of the land, and the township. As the case progresses, all transactions are recorded on this card system, so that within a few minutes one can tell just what has taken place in any case. It takes sometime to prepare this card, which has to be very carefully done. The correct name of the taxpayer's husband or wife is then secured, if possible. Considerable time is spent in searching the records in the Register of Deeds office and making inquiries to obtain these names. Summons is then drawn with copy for each taxpayer having an interest in the land and his wife, or her husband. Order to publish the required notice is prepared and also the notice with copy of same. This notice requires any persons having interest in the land to file his claim within six months from the date of the notice. It does not hold the sale off for six months but makes it necessary that the surplus from the sale, after paying the taxes and cost, be held by the Court for six months. Next in order, is the complaint which must allege facts sufficient to sustain a cause of action and be prepared with copies of same for each taxpayer and wife, or husband, having interest in the land. In one case as many as twenty-one copies of complaint and summons had to be prepared before bringing suit. This required considerable time and work. After these papers are prepared, the complaint is signed by the attorney, verified by the County Accountant before a Notary Public and then filed with the Clerk of the Court, who signs the summons and order of publication and notice. Each copy must be filed out just as the original and a copy of the notice is delivered to the newspaper for publication. The suit is then begun and the attorney must keep close watch on the case to see that the

BIRD AT SOUTH POLE

Great Educational Picture To Be Given For Boy Scouts.

Bird at the Southpole, one of the greatest historical and educational pictures ever filmed by any moving picture producers will be presented at the Winchester Theatre on next Monday—Tuesday. This picture is being run complimentary to the Boy Scouts of Louisburg by Mr. R. R. Kissell, proprietor of this popular picture house, who will give the entire net proceeds to the Louisburg Boy Scout Council.

A matinee will be given at 3:50 o'clock Monday afternoon November 3rd, and the regular show will start at 7 o'clock Monday night with a second show beginning at 9 o'clock.

It is contemplated that all the children in the County as well as the grown-ups, will want to see this picture, therefore arrangements have been made to repeat his show on Tuesday, November 4th, at the same hours.

This is the greatest opportunity the children of this section have ever had to see one of the greatest pictures ever made and at the same time help one of the most worthy organizations for boys in America.

At the Monday presentations State Executive Scout Master Humphreys, of Raleigh, will be present with his Scout Drum and Bugle Corps, and will take a part in the show. At other presentations other special features will be introduced.

The scouts and their friends are very appreciative of Mr. Kissell's generosity in their behalf.

IN MEMORY

Our community was made sad indeed, when on Friday Oct. 3, 1930, the spirit of Mrs. Frank Edwards took its flight to the home beyond. She had been in declining health for more than a year although confined to her bed only five days before death. She was the devoted and loving wife of Rev. Frank Edwards of the Missionary Baptist church, and stood by him as a real help-mate in his official and spiritual life. For many years she was a loyal and devoted member of New Bethel Baptist church, and had the distinction of being perhaps the greatest soul-winner in the section. She not only worked in her own church, but was ready and willing to do anything she could in the master's service. She was a tender and affectionate mother, greatly loved by all that knew her. In her going, her church, her home, her community and her friends sustain a heavy loss. Mrs. Edwards and her husband were known everywhere as true friends of the sick and those needing comfort and cheer.

This couple lived up to the proverb, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches", as they worked to lay up treasures where moths and rust cannot corrupt or thieves break through and steal.

The funeral service was conducted at her church Sunday, Oct. 5th in charge of her pastor Rev. J. F. Mitchiner, Franklinton, N. C., assisted by Rev. E. R. Nelson, pastor of West End Baptist church of Henderson, N. C., Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, pastor of local Christian church, Epson and her own dear husband. Cousin Frank had prayed earnestly for grace and strength to pay a last tribute to one he loved dearly. Standing beside the casket for a last look upon her, he turned and faced the audience and spoke as Christ's Ambassador! Amid tears and sobs from every one present this man of God, filled with His grace spoke earnestly and calmly. After 33 years as her bosom friend and true companion, he urged all present to accept her Christ as their Savior. Christ the only one that can sustain when the dark hour comes. We have attended fine revival meetings this summer but this was the strongest evangelistic plea we have heard. No one present ever witnessed such a scene and surely our faith was strengthened when we realized that His grace is all sufficient.

The funeral procession of one mile long, reached the church to find every seat taken except the reserved section. This with the beautiful floral offering was a token of the esteem in which she was held. She leaves to mourn their loss, a devoted husband, two sons and four daughters, two sisters, and half sisters and four half brothers, several grandchildren and a large host of relatives and friends. May His grace sustain them, and may her faithful work live on as a monument to her memory.

She has left to us who remain the unfinished task of carrying on His work, may we labor with the zeal that characterized her noble life.

HER COUSIN.

Delegates to national political conventions forget their experiences in four years, else they would never seek the honor a second time.

The United States uses as much electricity as all of the other countries of the world combined, and when we go to pay our bills we believe that must be the case.

BUNN TO PAY \$15 MONTH

Only Few Cases in Recorders Court Monday

Judge J. L. Palmer had only a few cases before Franklin Recorders Court Monday. The docket was disposed of as follows:

Moris Davis was found guilty of violating the prohibition law, and prayer for judgment was continued. Frank Jeans, larceny, was continued under former order.

Rufus Egan, abandonment of child, required to pay \$15 each month for support of child, appeal. Son Perry was given four months after pleading guilty to assault with deadly weapon, Commissioners to fire out.

Roy King was given four months for unlawful possession of whiskey for sale, Commissioners to fire out.

John Johnson was found guilty of distilling, and prayer for judgment was continued for one week.

Arthur Yarboro and Sterling Medina were found not guilty of larceny. The following cases were continued:

Herbert Lancaster, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Spruill Lancaster, operating automobile intoxicated.

Thomas Stallings, assault with deadly weapon.

H. K. Perry, distilling.

Charlie Perry, distilling.

PRICES HOLDING GOOD ON LOUISBURG MARKET

Tobacco men report that prices on the Louisburg Tobacco Market holding up good on all grades, and while the rain and the fair have combined to reduce the quantity offered the demand and prices continued strong with lively bidding and splendid satisfaction among the growers.

Nothing is being left undone to make the Louisburg Market especially popular and the leader for this section this year.

FRANKLIN-NASH UNION

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 11:00 o'clock the Franklin-Nash Union will meet at Pine Ridge Baptist church. Every W. M. S. Y. W. A. G. A. R. A. and Sunbeam in the Union is urged to send delegates with a report of their work.

The program in the morning will be given by members of the W. M. S. of several churches.

The afternoon program will begin at 2:00 o'clock, and will be given by the young people of our Union, under the direction of our young people's leader, Miss Eva Cooke of Cedar Rock. The following program will be given:

Song—Jesus Calls Us.

Devotional—Bunn G. A.

Roll call of societies.

History of Young Peoples' Societies of the Tar River Association—Louisburg Y. W. A.

The R. A. as a Workshop—Cedar Rock R. A.

Special Music—Louisburg Sunbeams.

Pageant—The Cross—Pine Ridge Y. W. A.

Song—Draw Me Nearer.

Dismissal.

Mrs. Jno. S. Howell, Pres.

Fannie Gupton, Sec.

MRS. BEAM HOSTESS

Complimenting Miss Annie Willis Boddie, Mrs. G. M. Beam was gracious hostess on last Thursday afternoon at a most brilliant Five O'clock Tea, followed by a buffet supper for only the Allen-Boddie wedding party, and their intimate relatives.

Mrs. Beam's home was beautiful amid its colorful setting of pink roses and other late summer flowers. Guests were greeted by Mrs. B. Perry, aunt of the bride-elect, and Mrs. F. H. Allen. Cards were taken by Little Miss Betsy Cobb, demure little niece of the hostess. Mrs. W. H. Allen and Mrs. D. W. Spivey of Youngsville, presented the guests to the receiving line, composed of the hostess, Miss Boddie, Mrs. Boddie, Miss Lucie Allen, Miss Lucy Clifton Boddie and Miss Kittle Boddie. Members of both the Allen and Boddie families received throughout the remainder of the house.

The dining table was most graceful with its all-over Olney lace covers, surrounded by lighted pink roses, surrounded by lighted pink tulips and rose buds. Russian tea was poured from silver urns by Mrs. G. W. Cobb, sister of the hostess, and Mrs. J. W. Mann, aunt of the bride-elect. Tea, sandwiches and mints were served in a most charming manner by Misses Kate Allen, Felicia Allen, Hazel Allen, Elizabeth McGhee of Franklinton, Sophia Clifton and Mamie Davis Beam, who assisted the hostess in serving the buffet supper also. Mrs. R. G. Bailey rendered piano music throughout the afternoon and evening.

About one hundred and twenty guests called for tea and about fifty guests were entertained immediately following at a two-course buffet supper.

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HOLLIDAY-TAYLOR

Pretty Home Wedding Celebrated Saturday Morning—Rev. David Bobbitt, of Roxboro, Officiating

A very simple yet beautiful and impressive home wedding was occasioned when Miss Gladys Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, of Louisburg, became the bride of Mr. Donald Vann Holliday of Scotland Neck and Washington, D. C., on Saturday morning, October 25, at ten o'clock at the home of her parents on East Nash Street. The service was officiated by Rev. David Bobbitt, of Roxboro, who was schoolmate and friend of the groom.

The home, the front rooms of which being thrown on suite, was beautifully decorated throughout with yellow, white and bronze caryatid columns against a background of green ferns, palms and other evergreens.

The maid of honor, Miss Effie Taylor, of Greensboro, sister of the bride, attired in apparel of brown with corresponding accessories and carrying a bouquet of pink caryatid flowers entered the rooms with the best man, Mr. Dennis H. Holliday, brother of the groom.

Immediately following them the bride was met at the staircase by the groom and the two entered together to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The bride wore a gown of watermelon green with brown accessories. She bore a bouquet of yellow caryatid flowers and tallman roses. Mrs. R. G. Bailey played the wedding marches at the piano during the ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Holliday left for Washington, D. C., where they will make their home at 1236 11th Street, N. W.

Mrs. Holliday is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, of Louisburg, and attended school at East Carolina Teachers College and North Carolina College for Women.

Mr. Holliday is a graduate of Wake Forest College in the class of 1928 and is now associated with the business firm of Woodward and Lothrop at Washington, D. C.

On Saturday morning a wedding breakfast was served to the out-of-town guests among whom were Mrs. W. G. Horn, Miss Dorothy Horn, Mrs. Lee Dexter, and Misses Mildred and Mabel Dexter of Rocky Mount; Mrs. B. F. Taylor, Mrs. Vernon Taylor of Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson and Mrs. Chas. Shields of Scotland Neck; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Children and Miss Effie Taylor of Greensboro; and Misses Annie Holliday and Marie Lehman of Washington, D. C.

MR. J. D. GUPTON DEAD

On Tuesday morning October 21st the death angel visited our community and called from our midst a very highly esteemed friend and brother, Mr. J. D. Gupton of Centerville. Mr. Gupton was 69 years of age.

After about ten days of severe suffering due to appendicitis his condition became critical, death finally conquering thus ending the life of one of Franklin County's honorable and loyal citizens.

The funeral services were conducted at Centerville Baptist church where he was a faithful member at the time of his death, by his pastor Rev. G. W. May.

Mr. Gupton was a good honest man with a strong interest for his community in which he lived. His body was laid to rest in the family burying ground. Mr. Gupton leaves to mourn their loss a wife and six children, Mr. L. P. Gupton, Mrs. W. N. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mr. H. W. Gupton, Mrs. W. M. Murphy, and Miss Mary Gupton. He has nineteen grand children and five great grand children.

The pall bearers were as follows: Mr. Hampton, Norman Foster, Mr. J. H. Wood, Mr. Walter Griffin, Mr. Jessie Griffin.

The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

ONE WHO LOVES HIM.

MRS. DAVIS HOSTESS

Mrs. M. S. Davis was hostess to the Current Literature Club at her home, 148 Clifton Avenue, on Tuesday, October 23, with twelve members present. Miss Lillie Letton, Vice-President, presided over the meeting, during which the following program was rendered:

Story of Jenny Lynd—Mrs. J. M. Allen.

Paper, Some Vocal Artist of recent times—Mrs. T. K. Allen.

Music: Portions from Lucia de Lammermoor—Miss Evelyn Terry. Violinist, accompanied by Miss Williams, Pianist.

Reading: Selection from Autobiography of Schuman-Helmeck—Mrs. McEl Furgerson.

Vocal Solo: Miss Williams, accompanied by Miss Woodlief, "Selection from Madam Butterfly."

Discussion: Famous Songs, led by Miss Lillie Letton.

The hostess served a delicious salad course, followed by coffee, cake, wafers, and home-made candy.

The guest of the club were the Misses Williams and Woodlief of the

NEWMAN WINS

FARM PRIZE

EXHIBITS MANY AND OF HIGH QUALITY

Bruce's Greater Shows Furnishing Amusement—School Parade Marched by Rain—Health Department Presents New Exhibit—Splendid Crowds Attending—Saturday For Colored People

In spite of the rain, the biggest day of the Franklin County Fair was ushered in Wednesday, October 29th, by a big parade of the Franklin County school children, numbering around three thousand. An exceptionally large crowd was in attendance, those passing the gate being estimated at around \$10,000. The official opening took place on Tuesday but the fair did not get under full swing until Tuesday night when all the grounds were a glimmer with lights and people began enjoying themselves in the Bruce Greater Shows (North Carolina's Own) exceptional midway attractions. The fireworks each night also afford much enjoyment.

Among the schools prizes were awarded as follows: Edward Best District Schools were awarded the prize for best appearance in the parade; Mills High School received first and Gold Sand District Schools second prize for the best school exhibits. Edward Best District with 73 per cent of attendance in the parade was awarded the prize for this feature.

Those who judged the parade were President C. C. Alexander, Miss Lily Letton and Miss Isabelle Ziegler, of Louisburg College. Miss Susan Fulghum of the State Educational Department and Mr. J. O. Armstrong, of State College, Raleigh, were the judges of the school exhibits.

The booths in the exhibit hall were exceptionally good and consisted of exhibits put on by different departments. The Women's Home Demonstration Club of the County exhibited home made rugs, fruit and articles of clothing made of flour sacks. The Justice Woman's Club won first prize for the best exhibit made by these clubs. Mapleville's 4-H Girls received first prize for a project in remaking a hat.

Other exhibits especially worthy of mention were: a project showing foods for prevention of pellagra put on by Pine Ridge Women's Club, canned stuffs, pantry projects, flowers, fancy work, art exhibit, exhibits put on by the colored schools of the County, the Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek Poultry Association, the Vocational departments of the County, the different district schools of the County and individual exhibits made by vocational and Home Economics Students.

B. M. Newman won first prize for the farm booths with his "Live-At-Home Farm" booth.

A new booth was exhibited this year, that being the one put on by the Franklin County Health Department, featuring the proper and improper diets, prevention and treatment of pellagra and care of babies.

Considering the unfortunate year for agricultural activities the exhibits were especially fine and reflected much credit upon their exhibitors and gave evidence of more general use of advanced farming methods.

The horticultural exhibit was especially pretty and attracted much attention and admiration from all visitors.

The poultry and livestock exhibits were especially good and quite a number of each were on exhibit showing that the people of the County are turning towards these features to solve the farm problems.

The Midway is full of attractions and the many concessions fill the grounds and are providing amusement for the many visitors.

As the weather cleared up yesterday more interest was in evidence and larger numbers were present. Each night is affording much amusement for large crowds of visitors as well as home folks.

The fireworks display in particular as well as the other free acts, are attracting large numbers and are really wonderful in the feats presented.

Today will end the 1930 Fair for white people. Tomorrow will be given over to the colored citizens who will stage a big School parade and enjoy the day at the grounds.

FOUND WHERE IT IS AT

A reader of the FRANKLIN TIMES told the editor this week that he had located where business is at. Upon being asked of its location, he handed us the following:

"However slow the whistle DePrest rang the bell Shamoon hollowed 'all aboard,' And business went to 1-1."

Louisburg College: Mrs. Hortense Wood of Chautauque, N. Y.; Mrs. Chatham Alston and Mrs. Weldon Egerton, of Louisburg.

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