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\$1,000 OF THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY GONE

WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING

People Pay While The Politicians Fiddle.

VOTERS ALONE CAN REMEDY.

Tax Rate Now Too High to Suit All The Folks.

On Monday, April 3rd, the County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting voted to James L. Griffin, former clerk of the superior court, One Thousand Dollars as a bonus for "extra clerk hire" during the year 1921 and for January 1922.

The salary of the clerk of Court is one hundred dollars per month. A candidate seeking that office knows what it pays before he asks for and accepts the office, and there is no provision for clerk hire, other than \$100 per year, save in the discretion of the County Commissioners.

It may be true that Mr. Griffin was taxed with extra work during the past few months in office and needed assistance. If this was the case, the records show that he was allowed an amount for clerk hire for every month of 1921 and to the end of his tenure of office during 1922.

Fellow citizens, this one thousand dollars is from the pockets of the taxpayers of this county, and it is certainly time to take stock and consider whether we are drifting.

The tax rate of Chatham county is high enough now, and there are many people in the county who are unable to pay their taxes.

Where, oh where, will we be in two more years if this is continued? The voters of the county alone can remedy the situation, and they constitute the taxpayers of Chatham, therefore they have the opportunity in June to say whether this situation will continue or not.

The record in the court house shows that during the year '21 that James L. Griffin drew, in addition to insolvent accounts, the following amounts, which were designated as being for salary, clerk hire and postage:

- January, \$147.93.
- February, \$138.23.
- March, \$149.13.
- April, \$137.03.
- May, \$151.13.
- June, \$140.73.
- July, \$136.53.
- August, \$158.33.
- September, \$136.33.
- October, \$149.13.
- November, \$137.53.
- December, \$140.93.

And in 1922, the following amounts, the same as above for salary, clerk hire and postage:

- January, \$149.08.
- February, \$159.08.

So, if there were collected each month, the salary, clerk hire, and postage, where does the extra clerk hire come in? Chatham county is heavily bonded and in debt and needs every economy that it is practical to practice and everyone should set themselves to the task to see this accomplished.

ADVERTISE YOUR TOWN.

Let Outsiders Know What a Good Town You Have.

There are many ways to advertise a town, and when a town advertises itself outsiders are sure to take notice. One way is to have your stationery printed with the name of the town printed in large letters across your envelopes and paper.

Something like this: "Pittsboro; A good town to live in." Or "Siler City The Progressive Town."

(This is not an ad. for us either as we are not doing job printing now.)

means that he and all the others will serve their sentences. The bonds they gave when they appeared, were returnable at the May, 1922, term of the superior court for Chatham county, which means they are expected to surrender at the time to commence their terms on the roads of the county.

DR. GREGG SPEAKS AT PURVIS.

Personal Notes of Interest to Our Readers.

Bennett, April 17.—Messrs Roy and Owen Hall, of near Coleridge, spent last week-end with their aunt, Mrs. J. M. Forkner.

J. E. Brown and family spent Sunday with relatives in Randleman.

Messrs Romie and Robert Forkner spent the week-end in Hamlet.

C. E. Jones motored to Randleman Saturday.

Larkin Presnell made a business trip to High Point last week.

The primary and intermediate grades enjoyed an egg hunt at the school building Friday afternoon.

Miss Maude Foushee and Elizabeth Williams attended the closing exercises of the Purvis school Saturday.

The program was very much enjoyed and especially the splendid talks by Prof. A. B. Cameron, superintendent of public instruction of Moore county, and Dr. J. D. Gregg, of Siler City.

Prof. Cameron emphasized the importance of consolidation of schools. Dr. Gregg's subject was on home economics and teaching practical subjects in all schools.

A number of the Bennett people attended the play, "Valley Farm" given at Coleridge Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Scott, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Arthur Holt and two little sons, of Greensboro, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith.

The young people of Bennett spent Monday at Cedar Creek fishing, picnicking and sewing. Everybody had a good time.

BIG INCREASE IN FORD SALES.

Rush of Orders Boosts April Output To 101,164.

Ford retail sales showed a rapid increase in volume during March, says a report from the Ford Motor Co., Detroit, and have necessitated the building of 101,164 Ford cars and trucks in April in order to meet the requirements.

This is the largest output of Ford cars ever scheduled for April, being 10,000 above the same month of a year ago. It also marks an early opening of the spring and summer buying and seems to indicate that even more Ford cars and trucks will be sold in 1922 than in 1921, which was a banner year.

Orders for Ford cars and trucks have already exceeded the supply in Siler City and Pittsboro, both the Elder Motor Company and The Chatham Motor Company now have orders for touring cars and tractors that they cannot fill because of the inability to get them shipped fast enough from the factory.

The price of the touring cars is now \$355 and the Fordson tractor \$395, f.o.b. Detroit.

GOLDSTON COMMENCEMENT

School Commencement Begins—End Wednesday, 26th.

The following programme will be rendered at the Goldston High school on the days and dates following:

Friday evening, April 21, at 7:30 o'clock, entertainment by the high school.

Sunday morning, April 23 11 a. m. Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of Greensboro College.

Monday evening, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock, entertainment by the 5th, 6th and 7th grades.

Tuesday evening, April 25, 7:30, entertainment by the 5th, 6th and 7th grades.

Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a. m., graduating Class exercises.

At 11 a. m. address by Hon. A. A. F. Seawell, of Sanford.

Wednesday afternoon, 3:30, declamations contest.

Wednesday evening, 7:30, musical concert.

Exercises will be held in the auditorium of the school building.

LOST AN EYE.

Last December the little son of Jeter Perry, who lives a few miles from Pittsboro, by some means, accidentally stuck a pitchfork in one of his eyes, putting it entirely out. It was thought at the time that the other eye could be saved, but last week it began to pain the little fellow, and his father took him to Raleigh, putting him under the care of two eye doctors, who operated on him. He is thought that the operation will be successful and the lad will not lose the sight of the other eye.

New Subscribers During The Week.

The following have brought in or sent in their new subscriptions during the past week:

George S. McIver, D. F. Edwards, Gaston Andrews, D. H. Hart, Dewey Dorsett, C. E. Lemmons, Herman Andrews, Thos. F. Maness, J. F. Self, B. F. Abeling, E. A. Clark, Dr. J. M. Harper, R. H. Abernathy, W. B. F. Johnson and Griffin Bros.

Negro Minstrel.

The Baraca and Philthae classes of Lee's Chapel Baptist church, Meadow Creek will give a negro minstrel show and pie sale Saturday, April 22nd, at 7:30 p. m., for the benefit of the church.

Admission 10c. and 20c.

WILLIAMS FOR SOLICITOR.

Spears Declines to Run and Sanford Man to Make Race.

Harnett County News.

Marshall T. Spears, attorney of Lillington, who has been urged by his friends in Chatham, Lee, Harnett, Johnson and Wayne counties to enter the race for solicitor in this district (fourth judicial), has stated in The News that he has definitely decided, after due and deliberate consideration, not to make the race. He expresses appreciation to his friends for the courtesy.

C. L. Williams, attorney of Sanford, is being urged as a candidate by Lee county voters and it has been definitely stated by Mr. Williams that he can be depended upon to make the race against W. D. Siler, of Chatham, who has held the office for about ten years. Mr. Williams has a number of friends in Harnett. He was here Wednesday and upon a visit to the News office he gave out the following information that he would be sure to make the contest.

The following is taken from the Sanford Express:

"We understand from various portions of the fourth judicial district that strong pressure is being brought upon our countyman, Mr. C. L. Williams, to enter the primary on June 3rd for solicitor of the state senate in a district with an overwhelming Republican majority, he twice made the campaign for the Democratic party in Lee, Harnett, Johnson and Sampson counties, running ahead of the ticket in Lee county and trimming down a majority in the district so close that the Democrats thought seriously of contesting it the last time. He made these campaigns at great sacrifice of time and money, going wherever called by his party, and is an eloquent and convincing speaker.

"The wave of crime that has been spreading over the state in recent months makes it imperative that our solicitor be elected from the ablest and best lawyers we have. Mr. Williams, who is a graduate of the state university, has been practicing here ten years and is recognized as one of the ablest attorneys in the district. He is a vigorous and aggressive trial lawyer. The interests of the state in suppressing crime would be well taken care of in his hands.

"The incumbent, Mr. Siler, has held this office ten years, many think long enough, and it is time for a new man. Lee county has the man and would support him solidly."

Mr. Williams has stated to the editor of this paper also that he will make the race for solicitor, and we have endorsed him on our ticket, printed elsewhere in this paper. We hope that the friends of both the Herald and the Record will support Mr. Williams and do what they can for him. We need a solicitor of just the ability of Clawson Williams and he will make us a good one, without being antagonistic to any class, yet heaving to the line of duty, regardless of the one who may be charged with crime.

TO PROHIBIT GILL NETTING

It is \$50 Fine or Imprisonment To Use Nets at Buckhorn.

Users of gill nets should bear in mind that it is against the law to fish with nets in several of the creeks around Buckhorn. Section 1, Chapter 657, of the public laws, says:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use gill nets, hoop nets or other fishing nets in Buckhorn Creek, Goss Creek, Brush Creek, Lick Creek, the lakes between Brush Creek and Lick Creek, or from the dam near Buckhorn Creek to the power house in Chatham and Lee counties.

Section 2 says that "any person violating any provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by fine not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days."

Net users had better stop it or they are liable to get into trouble, says the game warden, C. W. Hanks.

To Lecture in Court House.

Rev. G. M. Hammond, from Kentucky, a speaker of national reputation, will lecture in the Court house in Pittsboro on Thursday evening, May 4th, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Challenge of The Times." He is a Chautauqua lecturer and is coming for the benefit of Chatham county. There will be no charge to hear him.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION.

Old time Fiddlers' Convention will be held at Goldston (Sanctuary), April 29th, beginning at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be given to the ones who make the best music on violins and banjos, first and second prizes for each. All musicians invited to come and compete for the prizes. Admission 25c. and 15c. Be sure and attend. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Junior Order.

J. G. GOLDSTON, R. S.

REMEMBER.

I want to say that I have known the voters of Chatham county, as I have suggested the name of Zeb L. Dark for county commissioner, I want every man in this township to remember what I said about him, and at the primary let us elect him. He has not asked for the place, but he is ready to serve.

I want to say that I have known him all his life, and I know that he has been economical in private affairs, therefore can be depended on to look after the affairs of Chatham in a like manner, and I feel that I am making no mistake when I ask you to remember him in the primary.

HENRY F. DURHAM.

DEMOCRATS AT PITTSBORO

Convention Held Last Saturday In Court House.

The Democratic Convention, for Chatham county, convened in Pittsboro, in the court house last Saturday, April 15, and it drew a large crowd to the county seat, there being representatives at the meet from nearly every section of the county, of course some were lookers on, others delegates, the most of them, however, were greatly interested in party affairs in the county.

The convention was called to order promptly at 12 o'clock by W. D. Siler, then W. P. Horton was chosen chairman of the Convention, and V. M. Dorsett and Jake Thompson, secretaries.

Mr. Horton delivered an address in which he recounted the achievements of the Democratic administration of affairs in the county and state, and the failure of the National Republican administration to enact any legislation calculated to relieve the people from burdens imposed upon them by the Federal Government.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the State administration, the record of the county officers; the record in the Congress of the United States, of Hon. E. W. Pou, representative from this district, and the record of Walter D. Siler, solicitor of the fourth judicial district, and pledging his candidacy for re-nomination and re-election, the loyal and enthusiastic support of the Democracy of the county.

A resolution was also passed expressing to James L. Griffin, who recently retired as clerk of the superior court, the party's sincere appreciation for the highly efficient, faithful and satisfactory services that he has rendered to all the people of the county as clerk for the past twenty years.

The following delegates were chosen to the State Convention, which meets in Raleigh next Thursday, April 20:

- Geo. W. Perry, A. J. Clarke, C. N. Bray, J. Q. Seawell, A. A. Headen, V. M. Dorsett, S. J. Marley, Leon T. Lane, Dr. W. C. Thomas, C. M. Andrews, Dr. H. A. Denson, W. C. Brewer, C. B. Pitts, J. M. McIver, Jr., J. C. Elkins, C. J. Goldston, R. R. Seagraves, C. M. Pattishall, Thomas Clegg, C. D. Thomas, J. D. McIver, S. W. Harrington, J. E. Cross, F. M. Farrell, N. J. Wilson, C. D. Moore, B. T. Thrailkill, W. M. Scott, J. B. Fearington, J. T. Mills, M. B. Merritt, Joseph Williams, J. B. Atwater, R. J. Johnson, John Dawson, G. G. Ward, J. B. Thompson, Walter D. Siler, D. L. Alston, W. H. Ferguson, J. A. Woody, W. T. Parrish, Jas. L. Griffin, Wade Barber, W. P. Horton, A. H. London, D. L. Bell, A. C. Ray, Ed. Petty, Jacob Thompson, J. R. Milliken, and E. E. Walden.

AROUND MT. ZION CHURCH.

No doubt but the readers of The Record have wondered what had become of the Mt. Zion correspondent. Since Spring has opened up, I think perhaps there will be more news in the community.

Masters Claiborne and Marion Harmon of Raleigh, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon.

Miss Janie Clegg, who is teaching in Siler City, spent the Easter holidays at home with her father, R. B. Clegg.

The community and the Sunday School hope that Mr. Clegg, who has been sick for sometime, will soon be entirely well again, and be with us at Sunday School.

Gaston Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clegg and Miss Myrtle Johnson attended the commencement at Corinth Saturday night.

Lee Harmon and Carey Griffin attended the commencement exercises at Corinth Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Farrell and son, Lester, of Pittsboro, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dorsett and daughter, Elizabeth, of Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, of Raleigh, and Clyde Griffin, of Pittsboro, spent Easter Sunday at the home of J. W. Griffin.

ALO.

One day last week the baby boy of Joe Hammock, who lives about a mile east of Pittsboro, was bit by a pet. dog. As the dog had been acting strangely it was killed and its head sent to Raleigh, but it was so late in reaching its destination that the head had become so decomposed that it could not be told whether the dog had rabies or not. Dr. Chapin was called in and dressed the little boy's wound and it is hoped no bad effects will result from the bite.

Fatty Arbuckle, charged with the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, was acquitted in a third trial in San Francisco. The case has been in the lime light for sometime, the papers carrying full details of the trials.

BUILD A HOME.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Brief Items of Interest Selected For Busy Readers.

Mrs. W. A. Brundage, of Oneida, N. Y., was instantly killed, her neck seriously injured and her husband slightly, when their car was hit Saturday six miles north of Franklinton by a Seaboard passenger train.

W. C. Davis, an engineer on the Norfolk Southern, was scalded to death when his engine fell through a burning trestle over Middle Creek, 13 miles south of Raleigh last Saturday.

A lumber plant at Goldsboro, one at Fayetteville, a tobacco warehouse at Smithfield and a garage at Washington was a record for fires in this state Saturday.

An epidemic of the flu has closed the Jackson Springs school.

Approvals of \$2 advances for agricultural and live stock purposes aggregating \$2,834,000 has been announced by the war finance corporation from Washington. Distribution of the loans include North Carolina to the amount of \$265,000.

The Episcopalians have bought a lot in Sanford and will build a church there.

Civil engineers have been making surveys of a road from Merry Oaks to Cape Fear river to Sanford. This road would reduce the distance from Sanford to Raleigh about 5 miles. Either a bridge will be built at the ferry of a steam ferry be put in, if the plans are carried out.

F. L. Kiker, blind, is a freshman at Trinity college. He is studying for the ministry. He is 27 years old.

Four train robbers have been arrested in Alamance county. They gave bail in Greensboro.

Charlie Robins, a supposed car thief, is under a \$10,000 bond in Greensboro, failing to give which he was remanded to jail.

Congressman Brinson, of the third N. C. district, died in a New Bern hospital Thursday, the 13th. He had been ill for several days, suffering from an organic liver trouble. He was 52 years old.

A candidate for the Legislature in Wake, Phillip Braxwell, will parade through the streets of Raleigh and use a megaphone to announce his candidacy. He says, if he gets the nomination, he will introduce a bill to make rent profiteering a first degree capital offense.

North Carolina has more textile mills than any other state in the Union.

There is a curious case in Iredell county. John Speaks' son was killed in France. The government offered him \$5,000 insurance. He refused to take the money. Did not think it was right. He now keeps the body of the dead son in his house and will not agree for it to be buried.

DR. WICKER MAKES SPEECH.

Dr. W. C. Wicker, of the Department of Education of Elon College, spoke to the Siler City and Moncure high school students Friday, April 8th. He came to Chatham as one of the cooperative visitation of high school speakers, which campaign was worked out the first two weeks in April by the Association of North Carolina Colleges, each college being given a certain number of counties to which they were to send members of their faculty to speak in the high schools of that county.

Dr. Wicker spoke in Siler City Friday morning and Friday night at the Moncure Baptist church. He was scheduled to speak at Pittsboro in the afternoon to the high school students but on account of the condition of the roads could not get from Siler City to Pittsboro in time for the address.

To Organize Association.

O. H. Welch, the president in Oakland township, informs the Record that there will be a meeting at Chatham church on Sunday, April 23rd, at which time it is proposed to organize an Int denominational Sunday School Association. This movement is county wide and each township will eventually organize. Every denomination of Protestant churches is invited to go and take part. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 and Dr. J. D. Gregg, of Siler City, will make an address.

Lower Burke.

We have ended our fifth month of school. The average for the month is 34.75. Aubie and Josephine Burns, Clara, Fred and Ola May Tysor and Hattie Dixon were present every day. Ralph and Reid Tysor, Royce Burns, Minnie Johnson, James Burke, Maggie, Rie and Jewel Clark missed only one day.

Mrs. GRACE GREEN TYSOR Evans, N. C.

Bit by a Dog.

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EASTER SUNDAY HERE.

How it Was Observed in Pittsboro and Elsewhere.

Sunday was one of the prettiest days we have had this Spring, the sun being hid behind thin, hazy clouds kept it from being too warm, and many people took advantage of the weather to go out driving especially in the afternoon, many attended services at the different churches during the morning, and some lay around their homes and read the papers, while others stood on the streets and talked politics. In fact, it was an ideal day to do anything, except work.

Three services were held in the Episcopal church during the day, the 1 o'clock services being more largely attended than any of the rest of them. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers and the singing was surely fine.

Services were also held in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. at the Methodist church the services at night were conducted by Rev. John R. Edwards, of Bynum, the regular pastor, Rev. J. J. Boone, being unable yet to conduct services.

Easter Monday.

Easter Monday came on cloudy and threatening rain. Many picnics and fishing parties had been booked for this day and when the day opened up the hearts of many a young lad and lassie and older people began to feel that a disappointment awaited them.

At Buckhorn the largest crowd of people for many years were present, eager for sport, the fish fry and barbecue, it had been advertised pretty extensively, a large crowd was anticipated. And they were there—in wagons, buggies and cars, mostly cars—and everybody had a good time. F. M. Nash, who was one of the leaders in the big bats, did everything in his power to make the day enjoyable, and how he succeeded is told by everyone present.

Other picnic parties visited Bynum, some went to Moore's bridge on Haw river and some went to picnic grounds nearer town, notably at the old Horton homestead.

It was a happy day for all. Both banks of Moore's bridge, the high school took holiday and the day closed by a show in the courthouse, the Carolina minstrels, given by home colored talent.

DEATH OF MRS. DAWKINS.

On Sunday morning, April 9th, at 5 o'clock, the death angel came to the home of D. W. Dawkins and called home his wife, Mrs. Ida White. Sister Dawkins was the daughter of Taylor and Ida Wicker of Lee county, both of whom have preceded her to the spirit land.

She leaves to mourn the loss, her husband, and two little girls, a number of brothers and sisters, and a host of friends.

To know Mrs. Dawkins was to love her. She was gentle and kind to all and a noble, Christian woman. She professed faith in Christ when a child and lived a true Christian life until the end came.

Her remains were carried to Zion Christian church where she was a member and they were laid to rest in the presence of a large congregation, who came to pay the last tribute of respect to her.

The burial service was conducted by D. A. Mann.

May the Good Lord comfort and bless the husband and little girls and all the sunshine be thrown around them in this sad hour of bereavement.

A FRIEND.

NEW HILL PERSONALS.

Maggie Puryear, of Weldon, has been on a visit at the home of J. C. Puryear.

Misses Vera Drake, Lillian and Gertrude Hatley and Louis and Silas Hatley spent Monday with their aunt, Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant.

Miss Goehy, of Durham, spent the Easter holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Nathan Gardner.

Miss Mozelle Poe entertained quite a number of young people at her home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann and children spent Sunday with A. G. Mann and family.

Claud Bland, of Durham, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lasater and family.

Mrs. G. M. Thomas is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Henry Webster is visiting relatives near Bynum.

Misses Eula Carr and David Goodwin motored to Sanford Saturday where they were married. Mrs. Goodwin is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Carr. We wish them success.

Marriages in March.

March must have been a "Jonah" month for marriages in Chatham, as there were only eight licenses issued by the register of deeds. They were:

T. M. Bland and Mrs. Fannie Funch, Arch L. Andrews and Ina Dunlap, E. Beane and Edith Edwards, Clyde L. Fore and Ruth Edwards, Andy Ray and Blanche Johnson, P. E. Fox and Elsie Siler, Clarence Carpenter and Juanita Jones, Chas. H.