

THE DUTIES OF COUNTY AUDITOR

County Government Information, By C. Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Just how much authority has the county accountant under the new county government laws? This question has been raised in several counties, notably in Wake, when County Auditor Holding last week refused to affix his signature to a warrant for the purchase of a school site. In the following address delivered before the State Association of County Auditors yesterday at the Lake Lure Conference, Chas. M. Johnson, county adviser, set forth clearly the duties of the county accountants.

"The county accountant is the new official that has appeared in response to a great demand, and he has been given the authority that he should have. His duties are but an enlargement of the duties of the county auditor who has prepared the way for this new official. Therefore, the county auditor has become the county accountant in every county in the State, and a new profession has been created which is destined, I believe, to take equal rank with the other learned professions. It will give direction to public administration, under this new official.

Purpose of the New Office.

"The purpose of this new profession will be (a) to acquaint the public with the business of the entire county in order that all the people may know the nature of the service and its cost to the taxpayers, (b) to conduct the business of the county according to approved budgeting principles by safeguarding the taxables and the income by a careful collection of all legitimate taxes and other revenue in order to estimate fairly accurately the sum total income by preparing a budget of all expenditures according to the needs of the county, by keeping accurate accounts of all expenditures and holding departments within the budget, and by levying sufficient taxes in accordance with the law to meet the demands of the budget, (c) to secure the greatest returns from expenditures of public funds and to acquaint the people with the services rendered by all departments of county government.

Duties of County Accountants

"You have more duties than and as much responsibility as any other county officer. A few of them are (1) act as accountant for the county and sub-divisions in settling with all county officers, (2) keep a record of the date, source and amount of each item of receipts and the amount of each disbursement or contract made, (3) require each officer and department receiving money of the county to do the same, (4) examine at least once a month all books of all officers and departments; (5) require all officers and employees who collect money for the county to file reports with him, (6) once each year make up a complete statement of the financial condition of the county and sub-divisions, (7) advise with the different officers and departments of the county as to the best method of keeping accounts.

Qualifications For Office

"How to set up government, how to distribute service justly and how to account to the people for the taxes paid require leadership and executive skill, and good business management is the great aid in such administration. How to secure this executive skill in public administration is a difficult problem. The essential factors are: (1) county officials of character and integrity who shall study the real needs of the county, (2) unity of management, (3) safeguarding income and expenditures, (4) a county accountant who knows how to arrange a budget and keep expenditures within the law. This is the most important thing."

Free-For-All Fight Accompanied Game

A free-for-all fight accompanied the baseball game between the Bynum and Hillsboro teams at Bynum Saturday. The teams were not involved. The "rooting" on the part of the supporters of the two teams became rather violent and personal, and the Hillsboro rooters invited Carl Williams of the Bynum rooters to come over, and he went, only to be knocked down on arrival. However, he got him a man as he went down, got on top and was beating him to a pulp when pulled off.

In the meantime, others had rushed into the fray and knives were used by the visiting rooters. Mr. "Shike" Williams, father of Carl, was cut in the side but, fortunately, not deep enough to be serious, and George Smith got a cut on his face, but not a serious one. Knocking was pretty general. The baseball game proceeded and Bynum beat 8 to 0, but the fight furnished more sport than the game.

It could not be discovered who cut Mr. Williams, but a warrant was sent to Hillsboro for the arrest of Fred Riley for cutting George Smith.

Siler City Pitcher Making Fine Record

The Siler City baseball team has made a fine record this season. Its latest victory was that over Fayetteville Saturday, when the score was 8 to 1 in favor of the Siler City team. Pitcher Fogleman has played fifteen games during the season and won fourteen of them, an enviable record.

Farm Tour Teaches More Than Farming

Raleigh — When the rush of labor on the farm is lessened and the sun gets hot, farm tours begin in North Carolina.

These tours do more than instruct in new and better ways of farming, say extension workers at the State College. The getting of new ideas and of seeing how other farmers attack their problems, is, of course, the most valuable feature of the tour but the friendship and comradeship of the tour is something never to be forgotten by those taking part.

A party of forty-four farmers and a few business men of Wake County has just returned from a trip down through the sandhills of North Carolina, into South Carolina and back up through the western part of the home state into Tennessee and return. Wherever this party went, it was received cordially and entertained to the limit of their resources by the host farmers. "We want you to see what we have and to enjoy yourselves while you are with us," was in effect, what the host farmers said. Every courtesy was shown the visitors. Luncheons were provided, sleeping quarters made available and guides took pleasure in pointing out and explaining the things of interest to be seen in a community.

"But in addition, our party had a good time among themselves," says County Agent John C. Anderson, who headed the tour. "We organized a quartet in each of the two buses and these groups vied with each other in singing honors. Going through the mountains of western Carolina, one could hear the old Gospel hymns sung with fervor and the sound reverberating among the giant hills of the section. There were good natured jokes played on different members and even when the trip became irksome, the men made the best of the situation and had some fun out of the occasion. I am sure that the men on that party will never forget the trip."

Government prohibition agents are now supplied with cameras to snap patrons found in raided clubs. Whew—what a bunch of "stiff" photographs Uncle Sam will soon have.

Three Graham Men Bound Over to Court

Alleged Robbers of Burns' Filling Station at Pittsboro Captured

Ferman and Garland Maton and A. B. Holt, Graham young white men were bound over to court here last week on the charge of robbing the Burns Filling station three weeks ago.

Arrest of the trio followed the investigation, by Deputy Stockard of Alamance, of a suspicious tire sale that resulted in the recovery of eight large tires from a hiding place under a bridge on highway 62 near Yanceyville. The Maton brothers were taken near Haw River as they were believed to be leaving the county. Holt gave bond, but the Matons were jailed. The case cannot be tried till the October term of court.

Farm Folks to Form State Organization

Raleigh — One representative from every local or county farmers' or farm women's organization will meet at State College, Raleigh, N. C., on Friday morning, August 26, to form a state-wide farm organization. James M. Gray, assistant director at State College has been asked to act temporary chairman of the proposed organization and all communications should be sent to him at the above address.

According to Mr. Gray, there are a number of local and county associations that are contributing much to the success of their communities and it is hoped that each of these will have a representative at the meeting on the 26th.

A resolution tending toward forming this state-wide body was adopted at the recent meeting of the farmers' and Farm Women's convention and it is the idea of those in charge of the movement to affiliate with national farm organizations in order to better represent the farming interests of the State.

A committee consisting of three men and three women from members of the convention have already been appointed and these together with representatives from the local or county associations will form the organization committee. The committee thus formed will take up the study of farm organizations now operating in this state as well as the national organizations.

In order to have all parts of the State represented it is asked that all local or county associations send the name of their representative to James M. Gray, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C., as soon as possible.

"UNCLE JOE" MARRIES

TWO COUPLES AT HOME

Mr. J. D. McIver, esquire and earl of Buckhorn, in town Monday, returned marriage license executed for two couples. The one was for Mr. Royce B. Dickens and Miss Sadie E. Denson, both of Corinth, and the other for Mr. E. Murphy Woodell, of Corinth, and Miss Louise Holt of Merry Oaks. The first marriage occurred on July 24th and the second on August sixth, both at Squire McIver's home.

SERIES OF MEETINGS AT GUM SPRINGS, AUGUST 21.

A series of meetings will begin at Gum Springs Baptist church, Sunday evening, August 21. Rev. R. A. Morris, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Lamb.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. each day during the following week.

BIZZELL-BEASLEY

A press item from Aberdeen announces the marriage of Miss Nell Bizzell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bizzell, of Mt. Vernon Springs, at Carthage, Monday, August 1, to Mr. Roland Beasley, Jr., editor of the Journal, published at Aberdeen.

Cheap Explosive For The Farmers

The county agent wishes to advise all farmers who have not as yet availed themselves of the opportunity of obtaining Pyrotol, the cheap government explosive, that an effort is being made to order a carload of this material for the farmers of the county this fall. This material will not be available after March, 1928, and all farmers who are contemplating the use of this explosive are requested to place their order with the county agent as soon as possible.

Work has been conducted in the following communities this week, Monday and Saturday in the office at Pittsboro, Tuesday in the vicinity of Bennett, Wednesday in the Hickory Mountain community, Thursday in the communities of Brickhaven, Corinth and Merry Oaks. Most of the work done this week was devoted to dairying and the obtaining of orders for Pyrotol, orders totalling 1,200 lbs of Pyrotol being taken this week. Considerable interest is being shown by the farmers in the sale of Dairy Cattle to be held at the fairgrounds in Siler City on August 29th. Many farmers have expressed themselves as desirous of securing better dairy stock at this sale. The county Agent is very anxious to see any farmers interested in securing better dairy cows, and is also anxious to talk over the possibilities of cream and whole milk production with farmers who are interested. Following are communities in which work will be conducted during the week of August 8; Monday, August 8, Mount Pleasant and Riggsbee, Tuesday, August 9, Mount Gilead, Wednesday, August 10; Rocky River church, and Teagues Store, Thursday, August 10, New Hope, Friday, August 12, Oakley church, Saturday in office. These dates are tentative, but an effort will be made to follow them as close as possible.

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Mrs. Womble Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Johnson were called to Carthage Sunday by the death of the wife of Mrs. Johnson's brother, Mr. J. W. Womble. Mrs. Johnson remained over for the funeral on Monday.

Mrs. Womble was a daughter of the late Alex. Muse, for many years clerk of court for Moore county, and she herself was perhaps as thoroughly versed in the duties of the clerk's office as any one in the state, having served as clerk in her father's office and with his successors up to her last illness.

Her mother and a brother and sister survive her.

DAILY VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GOLDSTON

Miss Laura Barclay, graduate of Assembly's Training school of Richmond, Va., will conduct a Daily Vocation Bible school at Goldston for the week, beginning Monday, August 15th.

She will be assisted by Rev. Rev. Jonas Barclay. Miss Wilma Garner and others.

The children and young people are invited irrespective of denomination for these days of Bible study.

The protracted meeting for this year will be held the week following, in which Pastor Barclay will be assisted by Rev. J. S. Cook of Spray, who has been Mr. Barclay's helper the past two years at Goldston.

BACK BROKEN

The Record regrets to learn of the serious injury to a son of Mr. William Phillips, who got his back broken, it is reported, when his automobile turned over a few days ago. The accident was near Mount Vernon Springs.

By putting four acres of land under an overhead irrigation system, Harry Shriver of New Bern finds that he can grow successfully three or four crops per year regardless of rainfall.

A Relic of Ante-Prohibition Days

Invention of Prohibition Days Is Recalled by a Story of Ex-Sheriff Milliken

That homebrew is not an invention of prohibition days is recalled by a story told by Ex-Sheriff Milliken. Several weeks ago, Sheriff Milliken saw the statement in the press that in the government building at Greensboro a little copper still had been found that antedated any recent records of captures. And that statement made the Sheriff wonder if it was not a little still of one-gallon capacity that he took from a High Point home away back in 1897, while Col. W. H. Chapman was revenue agent and Mr. Milliken none of the deputy collectors, a hold-over from the Cleveland administration. Col. Chapman, having information of the location of the still in the home at High Point sent Mr. Milliken to get it. And he found it all right, but it was only of one gallon capacity, used by the owner to make him a cup of brandy occasionally. No indictment of the home-brewer was made but the still was stored in the government building, and the sheriff wonders if the one discovered recently was not the same.

COURT CONSUMES TWO DAYS, HEARNE VS. THOMAS

The case of Henry Hearne against Carey Thomas for a considerable sum for the alienation of his wife's affection was abruptly terminated Tuesday afternoon after argument of the counsel had begun. Hearne withdrew the complaint and the costs of the action were charged against him. It is possible that the action was taken on the intimation of the Judge to the effect that the complaint was not justified.

Practically all Monday and Tuesday were consumed in the trial of the suit of Henry Hearne, of Bynum, against Carey Thomas, of Moncure Rt. 2, for damages for the alienation of the affections of Hearne's wife.

The matter has been formerly reported in the Record, on the occasion of a trial of Hearne for an assault upon Thomas several months ago.

Hearne had been married only two weeks when Thomas and his wife went up to visit Mrs. Hearne's mother at Bynum. The young wife was at her mother's home and when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas started home they invited the mother and daughter to go home with them, and the young wife accepted the invitation and came off with Thomas and his wife, the latter being Mrs. Hearne's aunt. On the way home, according to Thomas, she told them that she was not going back, but he tried to persuade her to return. She didn't go back, but got a job in the Pittsboro silk mill, where Thomas and his wife work.

Hearne's complaint is that Thomas persuaded the girl to leave her husband and attempts were made to prove a too great intimacy between Thomas and the young woman.

The trial of the case brought a large part of the population of Bynum to court, many being witnesses, character and otherwise.

The suit was for ten thousand dollars, but Thomas is not worth any such sum, and a victory would be on the order of shearing a goat—more noise than wool.

Only one thing is clear and that is that it is an unfortunate affair. At this writing Tuesday noon the case is still in progress.

Hearne was represented by Messrs. Long and Bell, and Thomas by W. P. Horton of Pittsboro and A. A. F. Seawell of Sanford. Speaking began after noon Tuesday, Mr. Bell having the opening address.

Saturday Office Days.

The county agent wishes to announce that he will be in his office all day on Saturdays for the benefit of those farmers who wish to see him. All other week days will be spent in the field.

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Highway Commission Take Over Highway

We are informed by county attorney W. P. Horton that the State Highway Commission will immediately take over the maintenance of highway ninety to the Wake line two or three miles north of Apex. Wake has not yet consented to the proposition to follow the Jenks road without going by Apex, but the taking over of the maintenance of that road to the county line will largely determine the course up to that point, and that affords access to the people of the section above to Pittsboro. If it goes from that point by Apex, a short turn to the south will be made to Olive's Chapel and there another to Apex, and then another to Carey; or a direct and new route will be opened across the hills from John Mills' on the line to Apex. But the logical thing to do from the standpoint of the great majority of those concerned is to follow the Jenks road on to route 50, and let those who wish to go to Apex have the two miles increase in distance rather than for the distance to Raleigh be increased the two or three miles for the ten of thousands who would traverse it from the territory reaching from the Chatham line to the mountains and beyond.

When the state takes over the maintenance of route 90 Chatham county has to reassume the maintenance of the highway from Pittsboro to Moncure, which was formerly a part of the state system, making a part of the connecting links between Pittsboro and Raleigh, also between Pittsboro and Sanford. The opening of the paved 53 to Sanford and the opening of 90 taking the Pittsboro-Moncure link from the state highway map.

Foundation Work On New Church Begun

The foundation work on the new church building for the Hanks' Chapel congregation has been begun, and the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as circumstances permit. In addition to the auditorium, there will be six Sunday school rooms. The seating capacity, when all rooms are thrown into one, will be one thousand. The building will be a credit to the congregation.

Attended Reunion

The following named veterans attended the Confederate reunion at Raleigh last week: J. R. Bright, J. D. Dorsett, Monroe Smith, Manly Edwards, and John Thomas. The latter three were carried over by Mr. John Lane, a son of a veteran. Mrs. H. A. London was also over there and was honored with a reception by Editor and Mrs. Joseph Daniels.

A Serious Collision

A Hudson car driven by a stranger was butted into Saturday night on the road between Pittsboro and Bynum by a "skeeter" occupied by several negro road hands, with the result that two of the negroes were badly hurt, one having a jaw broken and another thigh. The Hudson was rather badly battered in front.

V. B. Elkins, manager of the Chatham County Fair wants as many exhibits from eastern Chatham as from the western part. He wants the person who lives in the extreme east to feel that it is as much his or her fair as the person living one mile from Siler City. If everyone takes an interest in the Fair it means better farming and more money to every person in the county. Make it your business to be a personal booster for the fair.

A freshly spilled liquid should never be rubbed from a carpet or rug because this only drives the liquid into the fabric. Instead, cover the liquid with corn meal, talcum powder, blotting paper torn to bits, or any other absorbent material which will take it up and prevent its spreading.

BOTH LAWS CAN BE ENFORCED

Attorney General's Office Says Both Driving Laws Can Be Enforced

(News and Observer)

In an opinion handed down yesterday the Attorney General's office declared that there is no reason why both of the 1927 laws providing stricter penalties for drivers of automobiles while intoxicated cannot be enforced.

The opinion follows: "Where there are two acts of the General Assembly dealing with the same subject they are to be construed together, with the latter act modifying the first only in the particulars in which there is a conflict. Applying this rule where there is a conflict between Chapter 230 of the Public Laws of 1927, and section 59 of Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1927 the former act controls, it having been enacted on March 9th, whereas the motor vehicle act was ratified on March 7th. We have however, suggested a practical way of avoiding any conflict at all, Chapter 230 in defining the punishment deals only with the minimum, whereas Section 59 deals with the maximum. When, therefore, you come to punish a person convicted of the offense, keep within the maximum of Section 59 and the minimum of Section 230. In all cases, however, applying the last clause of Section 1 of Chapter 230 to the defendant. That clause requires the judge, upon conviction, to deprive the convict of the right to operate a motor vehicle on the highways for a period of not more than twelve months nor less than ninety days. This plan would prevent, it seems to us, any question being raised upon the conflict between the two statutes."

FARMER CHARGED WITH POISONING WATERMELON

Fayetteville, August 8.—M. S. Edge, Bladen county farmer, today is being held here on a warrant for Bladen county, charging him with placing poison in watermelons in his field which resulted in the death of Charles W. Owens, White Oak, several weeks ago.

Bladen officers allege Owens and Miss Annie Lou Register stopped at Edge's place and ate part of a watermelon, and that Owens died as a result of poisoning, a few hours later. Miss Register became ill but recovered.

Edge will be turned over to Sheriff Priest of Bladen county.

FINE CROPS.

Good seasons throughout the county have almost insured Chatham a fine crop of corn. Cotton is fruiting finely, but in sections that have been frequented by rains boll weevils are doing damage. The forage crops of soy beans and field peas are promising. Tobacco in the three or four sections that devote acreage to that crop is being harvested. The hot dry weather that prevailed in the Apex section two weeks ago fired the tobacco there. But, on the whole, the crop outlook is the most promising since this writer has been in the county. And with a fair price for cotton promising, it behooves our cotton growers to fight the weevil to a finish. Picking up punctured forms is the surest process for those who have small acreages, as most Chatham growers have.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. Arthur London entertained Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at two tables of cards, having as her guests, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Greensboro; Mrs. Louis Nooe and Mrs. Henry Nooe, Ridgeway, S. C.; Mrs. E. R. Hinton, Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, Mrs. Wade Barber, Mrs. Edwin Hatch, Mrs. Evelyn Alston.

Refreshments consisting of stuffed tomatoes, pimento sandwiches, raisin sandwiches, pickle, crackers, beaten biscuit and iced tea were served.