

TAXING THE UNFORTUNATE

The Well-to-do Sick and Injured in North Carolina Are Taxed to Pay the Doctor and Hospital Bills of the Pauper Sick and Injured.

An instance. Ten days ago Carey Thomas played the good Samaritan and took the Yates negro who had his throat cut in an accident on the Moncure road to Scott's hospital, Sanford. The fellow had no money for assistance or care. Dr. Scott asked Carey to become responsible for the cost of care and hospital attendance. Of course, Carey did not feel disposed to accept any such responsibility and said so emphatically. He would simply take the injured man from the car and let him die if the physician would not take charge of the case. Consequently, there was no care for him.

Well, it costs money for a doctor to live and for a hospital to furnish room, food, medicine, and nursing. Somebody has to pay the bills, and the hospital has no resource but to make its rates for those who will pay sufficiently high to pay their own prorata of costs and to take care of the costs of caring for the pauper patients.

If it were only occasionally that such a thing happens, the tax upon pauper patients would not be too high, though it would seem that the person unfortunate enough to have to be a patient in a hospital should be the last person to be asked to pay a single cent toward the expenses of a pauper patient. But we believe that we can point to a certain hospital that went out of business in part because of the number of pauper patients dumped upon it, in addition to those who might pay if they would but would not.

Family physicians and hospitals presumably charge only what they deem fair compensation for time and cost of services, and it is reasonable to suppose that fees are fixed with the taking care of the pauper service in view. Consequently, the person who for years does not need a physician does not contribute a cent toward the care of the indigent sick, while those who have their own bills to pay and have the suffering and the loss of time, have to carry the burden being to the public as a whole.

Care of the bodies of the people should be on the same basis as the care of their minds. The state has assumed the care of the minds of the people to the extent of spending millions for schools and colleges each year. Yet Chatham county, for instance, while it is paying its \$100,000 for the care of the minds of the people, much of which is fruitfully spent, is giving practically nothing for the care of the bodies, but allowing the unfortunate well-to-do to foot the bills of the pauper sick and unfortunate.

Several years ago, when editor of the Sampson Democrat, the writer suggested that health work be placed upon a similar basis to that of school work. We need public physicians, dispensaries, hospitals, as we have public schools, public teachers, public libraries, etc. In the latter case nobody is compelled to patronize the public school if he thinks he can do better and is willing to foot the bill. Education has been made cheaper by the state's dealing in it wholesale, even as high as it seems, and there is no reason why the total bills for health service should not be less and the work more effective, if put under public control as is education, than under present arrangements. The bills have to be paid now, and yet many are not served who should be served, with a consequent economic loss, and much suffering that might be obviated.

At present it is a question with a poor man who wishes to maintain his self-respect whether he shall receive the benefit of hospital service and be overwhelmed with debt or simply suffer and die. Such a situation is not right. The state may be spending hundreds of dol-

Facts About the Post-Office at Pittsboro, Etc.

An old government publication, consisting of Legislative and Executive Documents relative to the Postoffice department from the first session of the First Congress to the 2nd session of the twenty-second Congress, has recently come into my possession.

The operations of the Post Office department in the early days of our country's existence are most interesting, as the following statements taken from this publication will disclose:

In the entire territory of the United States in the year 1789 there were but 75 post offices. Of this number the State of North Carolina boasted four, viz: Edenton, New Bern, Washington and Wilmington.

At the close of the year 1799, the number for the whole country had increased to 667, and in the year 1809 had risen to 2,012.

In the year 1815, the number for the entire country had reached 2,670, and of these 165 were in the State of North Carolina, only the States of New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts exceeding this number.

Chatham's first post office was Pittsboro, then spelled "Pittsborough", and it appears to have been established in the year 1819, and was supplied by a mail route running from Pittsboro to Moffitt's Mills, in Randolph county, and return. The mail was carried over this route once a week. The distance, round trip, was 123 miles. Miles of travel per annum 6,396 and the carrier was paid an annual salary of \$340.

In the year 1827, a century ago there was the following post offices in Chatham, with the receipts of each as appears from the report of the Post Master General, viz:

Buckhorn Falls	\$29.01
Cane Creek	2.98
Haywood	15.73
Hickory Mountain	1.55
Pittsborough	191.41
Prince's Bridge	16.67

In connection with the Pittsboro post office, it may be interesting to note that the following have served as post masters since the establishment of the office, viz:

Winship Steadman from April 19th, 1919, to March 19th, 1928.
Joseph Small from March 19, 1828, to March 18, 1843.
H. A. London from March 18, 1843, to August 24, 1853.
Isaac Long from August 24, 1853, to March 30th, 1861.
Matthew Ramsey from March 30th, 1861, to August 24, 1865.
John T. Mallory from August 24, 1865 to January 8, 1877.

Mrs. Mary A. Y. Palmer from Jan. 8, 1877 to October 29th, 1885.
Mrs. Laura E. Horne from October 29th, 1885, to May 11, 1889.
James H. Headen from May 11, 1889 to April 29, 1893.
Mrs. Fanny T. Talor from April 29, 1893 to May 3, 1897.
Mrs. Annie Chapin from May the 3, 1897, to March 11, 1914.
Mrs. Loula F. Bland from March 11, 1914 to December 1, 1917.
W. H. Griffin from December 1st, 1917 to June 24, 1922.
S. D. Johnson from June 24, 1922 to

Name changed to Pittsboro April 29, 1893.
Became a presidential office, Jan. 1, 1914.

MISS HILDA MILLS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Little Miss Hilda Mills celebrated her seventh birthday Saturday with a beautiful party attended by about a score of the little misters and misses. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers. Delicious wafers, ice cream, and mints were served. The birthday cake bore seven tiny candles. The dining room was really charming, and we are not guessing, for we were bidden to look in, and tasted while there.

lars on the education of the children of a family while the mother is slowly dying from lack of surgical attention.
Think upon these things.

COURT CONFIRMS SALE RAILROAD

Sanford, August 20—The court has confirmed the sale of Atlantic and Western Railway Company which was sold under foreclosure proceedings August 1st and bought by H. C. Huffer, N. A. Carples, W. R. Sullivan, of New York, L. P. Wilkins and W. R. Williams, of Sanford. The purchasers will meet here August 25th to form an organization, and to take over the operation of the road. It is thought that the company will make additions and improvements to the property which serves a prosperous territory between Sanford and Lillington.

NEW HILL NEWS

The revival was held at Ebenezer Methodist church last week. Rev. Mr. Brown the pastor, was assisted by Rev. Walter Farrar of Rocky Mount, but he was reared in Chatham and is a nephew of Mr. Ruffin Farrar. There were several conversions but we do not know how many united with the church. The protracted meeting started at New Elam church Saturday. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Johnson will do the preaching each night and will be assisted in the afternoon by Rev. Mr. Brothers who has been holding a meeting at Moncure.

Mrs. G. T. Holt, Mrs. N. G. Hearn, Evelyn Hearn, Miss Lovie Holt and Herbert Holt motored to Durham Thursday to visit a sick relative.

Mrs. John Gunter of Durham is visiting relatives in this section. Mrs. Gunter made her home in Chatham county until a few years ago when she moved to Durham, and her friends are always glad to have her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webster of Greensboro are spending the week with Mrs. Addie Webster. Coley Goodwin who has been in training for the navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas of Siler City, were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holt and three children of Cary were Sunday visitors in our vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bland and little children spent last week with their parents.

Mrs. Loraine Best was at church Sunday greeting old friends. She was reared in our neighborhood but had not been at New Elam in seven years.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather Sunday night several attended C. E. and rendered a short but interesting program. The subject was "The Goodness and Power of God in Nature." Mr. Alervine took the lead in the absence of Miss Vada Goodwin. Mr. Alervine made a very good and helpful talk on the beauty of nature. Several others took part on the program along this same line.

Mrs. Adelaide Holt is worse than she has been for past few weeks. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cora Jones.

Crops in this section are looking very good especially the corn crop. Most everybody is through curing tobacco, which is earlier than usual.

RIVES' REUNION

There will be a reunion of all Rives descendants and their families at Meronies church, September 3, 1927. The church is located on a good road three miles off the Boone Trail between Bonlee and Goldston.

Everybody will be expected to bring picnic lunch.

AVENT-BUCHANAN REUNION

The Avent-Buchanan Annual Reunion was held at the old Buckhorn Methodist church, Cape Fear township, August 20th. These two families held a reunion at this old church for the past three years. It is the home church of the two families and is supposed to be about 150 years old.

Madeiras, Sacco, Vanzetti Pay Penalty

Armed Guards Stand Around Prison Wall; Brief Speeches Made by The Murderers'

Charlestown State Prison, Boston, Aug. 22—Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti shortly after midnight this morning paid the penalty of death exacted by the state for murder.

Celestino Madeiros preceded them to the electric chair by a few minutes, the world known radicals following as rapidly as the executions routine would permit.

Madeiras died at 12:09 a. m., for the murder of a Wrencham bank cashier. Sacco and Vanzetti were executed for the murder of a paymaster and his guard at Braintree more than seven years ago. Sacco was dead at 12:19 and Vanzetti at 12:26.

Inside and outside of the high prison wall stood a small army of armed guards. Waiting also were the press wires which informed the world that the long fight to save the men was at an end.

The fight in behalf of the men continued until the last minute.

Both Sacco and Vanzetti made brief speeches in the death chamber before they took their seats in the chair, Vanzetti protesting his innocence to the last.

Sacco, pale but steady, shouted in Italian: "Long live anarchy" as he sat down in the chair.

Then in broken English he went on: "Farewell my wife and child and all my friends."

The straps were being adjusted as he said his last words: "Good evening gentlemen! Farewell mother!"

MRS. W. B. ATWATER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Greensboro News, August 20: Mrs. W. B. Atwater, well known in this city where she has made her home for the past 13 years, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence on Walker avenue after a short illness. Death is attributed to heart failure. She suffered an attack earlier in the day but failed to respond to medical treatment.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two children, Miss Margaret Atwater and John Atwater; two sisters, Misses Julia and Effie Lambeth, of Bynum; and two brothers, R. B. Lambeth, of Bynum and A. T. Atwater of Sanford; Mrs. Atwater before her marriage was Miss Lillie Lambeth. Since moving to this city from Fayetteville in 1914 with her family she had been actively identified with West Market Street Methodist church and at the time of her death was a member of the Susanna Wesley Bible class.

ISN'T THIS A COME-OFF?

While Mr. Shiver, county agent, is interesting himself in having a carload of Jersey cattle shipped into Chatham, we find the following statement written by E. G. Moore, manager Benson branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce:

"Recently I have located some very good heifers for sale in Chatham county. They are Jerseys mostly, with an occasional Guernsey. Last week a party of us went to that section and brought back eleven nice ones. They range from one to two years of age and are bred. They have to be trucked around 75 miles, but those we brought stood the trip very well. Taking everything into consideration, the price was not unreasonable. Others can be bought in the same section. Milk cows are scarcer, but we can buy a few in the county. If you want to get some of these heifers get in touch with our local office at once."

Comment is hardly necessary. But it does seem a pity that Chatham owners who have good cattle would try to place them with our folk who desire them. We suggest that the sellers of heifers attend the sale of Jerseys at Siler City next Monday and compare the prices which they receive with those given at auction for cattle shipped from a distance.

LEE COUNTING ON BIG RECEIPTS

Sanford, Aug. 15—For the past several weeks the farmers in this section have been working hard gathering and curing their tobacco crops. The cures are unusually good and the prospects are good for the largest crops that Lee and adjoining counties have ever had. The Sanford market will open September 20, and with good warehousemen and a large number of buyers it is thought that the sales will show a large increase over the preceding year. The Lee county chamber of commerce is making arrangements to thoroughly advertise the market throughout the territory.

MONCURE NEWS

Rev. Brothers, an evangelist of Raleigh, who is holding a series of services at the Baptist church, is preaching excellent sermons.

Rev. Jesse Blalock, the pastor of the Baptist church was away Sunday but returned today (Monday).

Rev. Charlie Mathews of Siler City was present at the service Sunday morning. Services at the Baptist church each evening this week at 8 o'clock. Large congregations attend each service. Rev. Brothers subject Sunday morning was "Choose Jesus". And Sunday night was, "Go Tell the Disciples and Peter to Meet Me in Galilee."

It was especially good and enjoyed. Miss Elizabeth Fitchett of Greensboro was a guest of Misses Catherine Thomas and Elizabeth Thomas last week. Miss Margaret Fitchett, and Messrs. Claude Kida, Paul Holt, and Lacy Wyrick of Greensboro, were also guests of Misses Catherine and Elizabeth last Sunday.

Mr. V. H. Hilliard, who is running a cafe and hotel has built a porch to both first and second stories of his hotel. The porches have added greatly to its appearance and comfort.

The lawn party that was to be given by the Epworth leaguers this coming Friday evening will be postponed until next Friday evening, Sept. 2nd, on account of the revival going on at the Baptist church.

Everybody invited. Come and enjoy the evening. The Sunday school of the Methodist church here will go on a picnic this coming Thursday to the Methodist orphanage, Raleigh. The young people are anticipating an enjoyable day.

Mr. H. G. Self was leader of the Epworth League last Sunday evening.

The Sanford orchestra will not be at the league next Sunday evening as the pianist is off on a vacation.

The Moncure Mill and Gin will be sold at public auction, September 5th, 1927.

There will be a Children's Day program given at Providence Methodist church, four miles northeast of here, September 4, 1927, the first Sunday in Sept. Everybody is cordially invited.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING HELD AT MAY'S CHAPEL

(Contributed)
The revival meeting of May's Chapel Baptist church began Sunday, August 7, with its annual home coming day. The joy of the day was enhanced by music rendered by the Sanford orchestra and speeches by former members. The meeting came to a successful close August 14, in spite of several hindrances. Mr. Morgan, who was to aid the pastor, Mr. Fred Wornack, was forced to leave because of sickness. Bad weather also added its quota to the other misfortune but to no avail. The capable pastor and his determined church members had the right spirit and their efforts were richly blessed by twenty-four additions, sixteen by baptism and eight by letter. May's Chapel is one of the strongest churches of its size in the county and is due much credit for its growth in the last few years.

SAMPLES HERE FROM RANDOLPH GOLD MINE

Lexington Dispatch.
Lee Sullivan, of Thomasville, a veteran miner and prospector, was in Lexington Monday and brought with him a small phial containing about two pennyweights of gold flakes, which he stated had been washed from one large panful of surface dirt from a mine now being opened in Randolph county, about eighteen miles south of Asheboro. Mr. Sullivan says that he has washed numerous pans during the past few weeks and has found none that did not contain some gold. The gold dust of this quality, he has been informed, is worth about \$1.35 a pennyweight.

The find is located on the farm of man named Rush and the property is held on option by the Davis brothers of Glenola. A California placer miner who recently visited the workings is quoted by Mr. Sullivan as being almost extravagant in his praise of the mine. Other capable gold mining men are becoming interested in the property, and the present holders believe that it will develop into a good paying proposition.

Two forty-foot shafts have been sunk to cut the vein that contains the bulk of the gold and some samples taken from these shafts are said to have been very promising. The hill containing the vein is flanked by two branches and the location is almost ideal for mining, said Mr. Sullivan. It is planned to work the placer mining while the work of developing the shafts is under way. Gold is now being mined in Montgomery in paying quantities and several minerals have been mined from time to time in Davidson county. In fact, it is said practically all the Uwharrie mountains and outlying hills contain mineral deposits.

Big Still Captured

Sanford, August 22—Deputies Don Covert, W. B. McAuley, Jeb Hunter and J. B. McManus on a raid recently captured one of the largest stills that has been found in this part of the state. One blockader captured, two escape; 2,500 gallons beer and 2,200 pounds of sugar destroyed, valued at \$250 to \$300. The still was located near the home of Wesley Carroll, a noted blockader, who is now serving time on the Durham county roads for handling liquor while under a suspended sentence.

LONG DID RIGHT THING.

Chapel Hill News: Fact of the business is the Lieut. Governor did the right thing when he ordered two companies of soldiers to the scene of a cotton mill strike at Henderson last week. He nipped the trouble in the bud. Several of the state papers criticised him for his actions and for being too hasty, etc. They would have criticised him if he had not sent the soldiers, so why worry. Trouble was in the air and the officers of that city recognized it, hence the soldiers were sent. Their appearance on the scene did all that was necessary. The strike ended and peace now prevails. The Lieut. Governor acted quickly and wisely and ended what might have been a serious affair.

E. Fisher's Trial Set for Aug. 30.

Durham, Aug. 22—Tuesday, August 30th, has been set for the preliminary hearing of two charges of manslaughter preferred against Everett Fisher, driver of a Hamlet-Durham bus, arising out of a fatal accident here recently involving the bus and a small coupe. Two negroes, Baswell Green and George Wingate, occupants of the small car, are dead from injuries received. Four white people, passengers in the bus, were also injured but not seriously. All of them have been discharged from the hospital to which they were rushed immediately following the smash-up.

Alfalfa properly treated will provide hay and grazing for over eight years without reseeded according to the experience of Mendenhall Brothers of Randolph county.

ALAMANCE FINDS DAIRYING PAYS

Leaders From Neighboring County Discuss Dairy Industry at Siler City Meet.

Business men, bankers, and farmers met with the county agent Friday night in Siler City to discuss the advisability and prospects of putting on a dairy campaign for Chatham county. The meeting was addressed by W. Kerr Scott, county agent of Alamance county, Mr. Charles Scott of the Bank of Alamance, and Mr. F. H. Mendenhall of the North State Creamery, of Burlington.

Mr. W. Kerr Scott, who was the first speaker on the program, traced the development of the dairy industry of Alamance county from the nineties, at which time there was only one herd of purebred Jersey cattle in the county, until the present time. At this time, he stated, there are five hundred purebred female jerseys, and about one hundred and sixty purebred bulls in his county. Mr. Scott has organized the largest jersey calf club in the world. There are around one hundred and fifty boys and girls in this club, and each one owns a registered Jersey calf. He stated that the prospects for dairying in Chatham county are identical with those in Alamance.

Mr. Charles Scott of the Bank of Alamance discussed the Dairy Industry from the standpoint of the banker. According to Mr. Scott, those centers of the county in which more cows are milked are the most prosperous communities in the county. He stated that he does not hesitate to advance money to farmers for the purpose of purchasing purebred cattle provided that he is convinced that the parties borrowing will take proper care of the cows.

Mr. F. H. Mendenhall, manager of the North State Creamery, who was the next speaker on the program, described the unusual growth of the dairy industry in Alamance county during the past two years, measured in terms of cream production. This creamery was opened something over two years ago, at which time they manufactured about 2 thousand pounds of butter per month, and at the present time, the production is equivalent to an average of seventeen thousand pounds per month. This represents about one hundred thousand dollars turned back to farmers of Alamance and surrounding counties for butter fat per year. Referring to the prospects for dairying in this county, Mr. Mendenhall stated that farmers of this county do not have to hesitate before buying cows, because reliable markets are now available, and nowhere else can butterfat or whole milk be produced cheaper.

The Merchants Association voted in favor of appropriating money to bear the expenses of the sale of purebred Jersey cattle to be held at Siler City, Monday, Sept. 29th.

Meeting at Brown's.

At this writing Tuesday morning there has been no great stir in the meeting now going on at Brown's Chapel, but Pastor Lance, assisted by Mr. Goodchild, is doing some soul-stirring preaching.

Rev. Goodchild, as some of you know, is a great singer and puts his whole soul into his singing. He certainly has God in his life. He sings a solo at each service.

Six men, led by Mr. Will Moser of Carrboro, sang four beautiful quartets (?) at the Sunday service. H. F. DURHAM.

B. M. Poe Joins Forces With Clarence C. Edwards

Mr. B. M. Poe, who for the past years or so has conducted a branch agency of the Economy Motor Co., of Siler City at Pittsboro, has discontinued the Chevrolet agency and joined forces with Mr. C. C. Edwards in the real estate business at Durham. Mr. Edwards who started life as an assistant to Mr. Poe when the latter was S.A.L. agent here, has made a great success of the real estate business.