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County Will Save \$61,000 Through Recent Legislation

LEE TAXPAYERS TO SAVE \$61,000 BY NEW LEGISLATION

State Taxpayers, Statistics Reveal, Will Be Better Off. By \$12,000,000.

SCHOOL SAVING IS \$47,000.

Lee taxpayers will profit to the extent of \$61,955 as a result of school and road legislation enacted by the recent General Assembly. This represents the total savings to taxpayers as represented by the decrease from the 1930 property tax levies.

This amount, as revealed in a statement just released by the State Tax Commission, represents a saving of \$14,624 to property owners accruing from the State's taking over the maintenance of all county roads, and of \$47,331 as a result of the state-wide school law which reduces the tax on property for the support of the schools to 15 cents.

A net reduction of \$12,167, 849 from the 1930 property tax levies for the six months school term and county roads will be realized by North Carolina taxpayers as a result of the school and road legislation of the 1931 General Assembly.

Figures compiled and just released by the State Tax Commission indicate that a saving of nearly \$10 million dollars from the actual 1930 levies will accrue to the owners of property from the passage of the administration road law under which the state takes over the entire maintenance of county roads, and the state takes over the entire maintenance of the six months school term and reduces the levies on property for school support to 15 cents.

The net reduction from the 1930 levy for the six months school term is \$9,652,491, and for roads \$2,515,358. The average reduction in rate for schools is 32 cents and for roads 9 cents.

Davidson, one of which is to be levied in 1931. The counties which have to assume additional responsibility this year, however, in the amount of \$2,736,755 for the county road debt service which last year was paid out of state aid appropriated to the counties. This leaves a net reduction from the 1930 actual levy of two and one-half millions.

While the decrease from the actual levy in 1930 is the biggest total reduction in property taxes ever effected at one time in the history of North Carolina—a reduction of more than twenty per cent of the total taxes levied on property, county, municipal, and district, for all purposes—the reduction itself would be \$600,000 bigger if every county had levied, in 1930, as much as it actually spent for road maintenance that year.

A number of counties have been spending a great deal more for road maintenance than they have been levying. For example, Buncombe County spent \$327,000 in the year ending June 30, 1930, but in 1930 Buncombe county levied a rate of only five hundredths of one cent—or \$119—for roads. If Buncombe county had raised its road maintenance funds from taxes it would have had to levy twenty cents.

In the same year Craven County spent \$81,257, and levied a rate of three-tenths of one cent which produced \$907. It spent nearly \$80,000 more than it levied, and would have found it necessary to levy a rate of its road expenditures out of road tax thirty cents for roads if it had met levies.

The same conditions existed in many other counties. Currituck county, which spent \$15,486 for the year ending June 30, 1930, did not levy any tax for road maintenance in 1930. The average state-wide reduction for roads and schools combined is 41 cents. The twelve counties receiving the greatest reduction are: Wayne, Clay, Rutherford with an even \$1.00, followed by Dare with 77 cents, Columbus 69 cents, Vance 68 cents, Nash 67 cents, Currituck, 64 cents, Pitt 64 cents, Scotland 64 cents, Union 62 cents, Davidson 61 cents, Greene 60 cents, and Camden 60 cents.

The county receiving the lowest reduction from the 1930 levy for schools and roads is Clay, which could not receive a large reduction from its rate, because it levied only \$10,500 for roads and schools combined. When it again assumes the payment of its road debt service charges, for which it received last year \$10,000 of state aid, its tax rate will actually be increased 13 cents. This county levied only \$3,377 for roads last year, but it actually spent twice this amount. The true net result of the operation of the school and road law bill, therefore, leaves Clay county with approximately the same service needs (not operating costs) for roads and schools require a levy tax rate for the reason that its debt incidentally has a high total county of \$1.89.

On the whole, the eastern part of the state will receive a larger reduction in rate than the central or western. The average reduction of the counties in the Coastal Plain is 52 cents, and the Tidewater Section 41 cents. On the other hand, Piedmont counties receive a reduction of 39 cents, and Mountain counties a reduction of 38 cents.

LEE FARMERS SEEDED OVER 300 ACRES TO LESPEDEZA WITH SPLENDID RESULTS

There is more lespedeza growing in Lee county this year than has ever been grown in the county in any previous year. More than three hundred acres were seeded to lespedeza during the winter and spring months by the farmers of this county.

The stands are good on most fields and the lespedeza is growing nicely, but in a good many of the fields that I have seen in the past week weeds are beginning to grow. Where lespedeza is being grown for hay or seed these weeds should be clipped off. Since lespedeza plants usually grow off slow during the first part of the season, weeds and grass will sometimes retard the lespedeza growth considerably. Where lespedeza has been planted in with small grain, cutting the grain also cuts the large weeds and gives the lespedeza a chance to grow, but it is usually necessary to cut the weeds again in July. Clean mowing is essential if good quality hay and seed are to be obtained.

For this weed clipping the regular mowing machine is used, with the cutter bar set to run as high as possible and thus clip only the tips of some of the lespedeza plants. This may be done by setting the tilting lever forward and raising the bar as high as possible in this way. In addition the inner and outer shoe plates on the under side of the cutter bar should be raised as high as possible. If these adjustments are properly made it should be possible to clip the plants six to eight inches high, which will get most of the weeds and retard the growth of the lespedeza very little.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT HELD

Glenn Edwards Prosecutes County Docket In Absence of Solicitor K. R. Hoyle.

Today's session of Recorder's Court, though a short one due to the absence of Solicitor K. R. Hoyle, was in one respect unique. There was not a single liquor case tried. Had the solicitor been present, however, and the usual run of whiskey cases were perhaps come to the fore. But the Solicitor's time being taken up by action of the People's Bank against the Fidelity and Deposit Co., all except jail cases were continued. The State's case, however, was not suffered for Glenn Edwards, junior partner of Mr. Hoyle, prosecuted the docket with the skill akin to a veteran barrister.

The first case called was the State vs. Baxter Malone. A typical Irishman, the defendant could have readily imagined as having been recently kissed the blarney stone. Though the charge against him was a serious one, the humorous traits characteristic of his race, discharged a figure of dejection. The charge against him was for abandoning his wife and four children and his sister-in-law and her three children, the latter group making their home with the defendant's family. It was brought out in court that Sheriff Rives was called to the destitute home on Sunday afternoon where the defendant was found recovering from a drunken "jag." The wife and the sister-in-law testified that the defendant had been delinquent in his support of the family and that his family men for some time had consisted of a dog, a pig, a cat and a hen with an occasional cabbage head from the garden. Malone said on his behalf that he couldn't find work and was doing the best he could, adding that he worked when he found anything to do. He said he lived on the Aubrey Teague farm, near the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and had begun a crop there this year but had been forced to abandon most of the crop when a time merchant had refused to extend further credit to him. Malone took the pledge in court to abstain from further guzzling. He was given an eighteen month's suspended sentence on condition that he make an effort to secure steady work, and was allowed 30 days to pay costs. He avowed to the court that he was a changed man.

Alvin Watson, local colored boy, drew a three months jail sentence and was assigned to duty at the county home. Alvin is an energetic sort of person and the county commissioners had intimidated Judge Micherson that they wanted a couple of husky fellows out there. Alvin proceeded to get in a peck of trouble when he diverted \$1.50, given him by a colored woman to buy a bad driver, to his own use. When the woman learned the alternative of reimbursing the colored woman her money and paying the costs or the jail sentence. He preferred to give up his freedom.

Kernit Spivey, under indictment for assault with a knife on George Spivey, will not be tried until August 4. All other cases excepting jail cases were continued until that date.

JONESBORO CASE DISPOSED HERE

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company Will Try To Make Test Case for Supreme Court.

The Town of Jonesboro vs. M. J. Medlin, a case growing out of the latter's alleged violation of a town ordinance which prohibits the selling and delivering of bakery products in the corporate limits of Jonesboro without a license, was heard in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

PLAN OPENING LEE HOSPITAL AT EARLY DATE

Building Not Accepted By Architect Who Awaits All the Finishing Touches.

Doctors of County Meet and Organize For Hospital Work.

The board of trustees and doctors of the county and county Auditor J. M. Clark met at the home of Mr. J. R. Ingram, Chairman of the board, Monday night and discussed plans for organizing the work and opening of the Lee Memorial Hospital, which is now nearing completion. It is possible that they will be able to open the hospital by the 15th of August, unless the present plans miscarry.

Eric G. Flannagan, the architect, was here this week but did not accept the building as complete parts of the work have not been completed. However, it is thought that the building and grounds will be ready for the architect's inspection by the first of August. Two main parts of the building, the main building and the complete, sidewalk to be finished, toilet buildings to be removed and grounds to be cleared of refuse material. Some of the flooring is to be put in before the building is accepted by the architect and turned over to the county. The equipments of the Central Carolina Hospital, which were bought from Dr. J. P. Monroe by the board of trustees, are being moved in and installed before the hospital can be opened.

On Tuesday night there was another meeting held at the home of Mr. Ingram by the doctors and members of the board to further discuss plans for opening the hospital. The following members of the board were present: M. L. Matthews, Lynn McVey, J. F. Foster, F. L. Knight, and J. Sowers. Hayden Luterbough, George Chiles and Weston Blue, Notaries of a definite nature was done.

On Wednesday night the budget committee held a meeting to begin the work of making up the budget for 1931. The following members were present: Hugh Palmer, and the following doctors met with this committee: Knight, Scott, and Sowers, also J. R. Ingram, chairman of the board of the hospital. The budget will be completed by the end of the month and will be presented to the Legislature during the next few days. The financial act of the last Legislature requires that budgets of every public nature that have to do with spending money from taxes collected from the people of the State shall be filed in Raleigh for inspection by State officials before they can be put in force for the object for which they are made. This hospital budget must include all expenses connected with the operation of the hospital for a year. When this budget is ready it must be filed with County Auditor J. M. Clark and kept on inspection at the court house for 20 days so that the taxpayers may inspect themselves as to its provisions. It will then be sent with other county budgets to Raleigh to be passed on by the proper officials and returned. Then the County Commissioners will have the authority to make the levy necessary to take care of the budget. The money that will be furnished the hospital by the county can not be collected before the tax books are turned over to the tax collector in October.

It has been suggested that a loan be made necessary to run the hospital for a month or two until funds can be had from the county. More definite plans for the opening of the hospital will be made soon.

BANK RESTS CASE IN BOND ACTION

The Peoples Bank last afternoon rested its case before Special Master John J. Lingle, before whom the case against the bank was pending to determine the liability of the Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, under the \$25,000 Newbold surety bond, is being held. Submission of evidence by the surety company was then entered upon.

Mr. Shissler, auditor for the surety company, was placed on the witness stand this morning and is testifying relative to entries of the bank's bookkeeping system. Bookkeeping entries have in the main constituted the evidence offered during the past week.

Attorneys were unable to state this morning when the hearing will close, though it was said that the proceedings might come to an end this week. H. C. Newbold, cashier of the bank, was here as a witness in the hearing last week.

PITTSBORO VICTIM OF \$25,000 BLAZE

Pittsboro, July 13.—A fire that seriously threatened the business section of Pittsboro early this morning wore itself out against a set of stairs and a brick wall stairs and a double brick wall after doing about \$25,000 worth of damages. The town's chemical fire fighting apparatus was unable to cope with the blaze. The destruction included the grocery store of Walter Johnson, in which the fire is supposed to have originated, the law office of Victor R. Johnson, the office of Dr. Victor Chapin, and the office of the Chatham Record.

BITTEN BY SNAKE, CHILD'S LIFE IS SAVED BY LONG RIDE FOR ANTITOXIN

A daring automobile ride by Mrs. Bob Thomas last night for antitoxin probably saved the life of little Billy Ledbetter, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Ledbetter, who was bitten by a large copperhead snake about eight o'clock as he played upon the lawn of the Ledbetter home.

After being taken to the hospital it was found that no antitoxin was available in Sanford. Bob Thomas, proprietor of the Thomas Drug Store, then called a wholesale drug firm in Greensboro and placed an order for the antitoxin and Mrs. Thomas, his wife, started in an automobile for Liberty at which place the Greensboro druggist met her with the medicine. Mrs. Thomas made the trip in record time and upon arriving in Liberty had to wait a few minutes for the arrival of the druggist with the antitoxin.

The youngster was bitten on the foot and the snake, which was a large and vicious one, sank its fangs deep into the flesh, according to Dr. J. F. Foster, who was called to the home immediately after the incident. First aid was administered the child at the hospital.

Though his leg is badly swollen, Billy is said to be getting along fine and is well on the road to recovery, it was said from the hospital this morning.

JUDGE CRANMER TO OPEN COURT IN LEE MONDAY

One Murder Case and Two Criminal Assault Cases Are Up For Trial.

What is perhaps one of the most important terms of Lee Superior Court held for a long time will convene here Monday with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding. Judge Cranmer is pleasantly remembered here, having presided over a trial here five years ago; he is regarded as an enemy to lawbreakers, yet is stern in upholding the ends of justice, and is regarded as one of the ablest jurists on the bench.

The term is scheduled to last two weeks, the first week to be taken up with the trials of criminal cases and the second in the disposition of a somewhat extended criminal docket.

George Goss, negro wife murderer, now in jail without bond is expected to go on trial for his life at the opening of court. What his defense will be has not been learned as he had not, up until this morning, engaged the services of counsel. The State, it is believed, will press the first degree murder charge.

Two cases for criminal assault are also docketed. Leon DeGraffenreid will be tried on a charge of having attempted the crime of rape upon a white woman.

Sam Roberson, young Colon negro, who is alleged to have had carnal knowledge with a fifteen-year-old colored girl, forcibly and against her will, is also slated to go on trial.

Don Seymour, young white man, alleged to have looted the Bobby Burns Service Station some time ago, will also likely go on trial at this term of court.

A number of cases in which the defendants are charged with the commission of lesser crimes are expected to come up for trial.

Thirty-eight civil cases, some of which are of much interest to the public and others of interest only to the principals concerned are slated for trial during the second week of the term.

Solicitor Clawson Williams will prosecute the criminal docket.

ROSS CARVER IS HEARD BY LOCAL CIVIC LEADERS

Sees Epochal Results Made Possible By Recent Trend of Events.

There is the belief that Europe may be affected profoundly by the turn of events, the results abroad may prove epochal and a new and better day may be ushered in for millions of people in other lands. In the United States the most that can be hoped for is some ultimate improvement in business. It may be that Germany, if she emerges successfully from her present difficulties, will find herself galvanized into new life and the people of that country, placed in a position to buy a greater amount of American exports.

This view was expressed in an informal talk made before the Sanford Rotary Club Tuesday by Mr. Ross Carver, of Greensboro, president of the United Bank and Trust Company in Germany and other countries of Europe and the deplorable situation in which these countries find themselves. In 1929, Owen D. Young and others fixed \$2,249,000,000 as the amount which Germany must pay to the Allies as reparations. In other words, Germany must pay \$475,000,000 for a long period as loser in the war. Actually she has paid very little of this huge amount to date. Today she owes twice what she owed when the reparations were fixed on account of changing values. All commodities have gone down, all debtors suffer. For this and other reasons many people in Germany are opposed to paying the full amount of reparations as agreed upon and one political faction, the Communists, favor repudiating Germany's entire war debt.

President Hoover's plan would give Germany one year of relief from her yearly payments. It is hard to find a man, said Mr. Carver, who believes that Germany will be able a year hence to resume payments on the old plan. In other words, the Young Plan will have to be revised in the light of the business depression.

LAYS CLAIM TO STATE HONORS

Sadler Will Claim State Semi-Pro Championship For Local Baseball Team.

In an interview with The Express yesterday, Manager Ike Sadler of the Sanford baseball team indicated his intention of laying claim to State semi-professional honors. Last night he was making an effort to get in touch with the sporting editor of the Express.

Greensboro Daily News to advance to date Sanford has won 21 out of 25 encounters on the mound, and this, the manager avers, gives the local team undisputed supremacy over the other teams of the State. Up until Tuesday's game with Baden the team representing that city was tied with Sanford but Sanford's victory over Baden put the local team one game ahead of the Stanly boys.

POULTRY SALES SHOW INCREASE

The poultry sales held in Sanford during the first half of the year show a substantial increase over the same period last year, states E. O. McMahan, County Agent. Nine cooperative poultry sales were held in Sanford during the first six months of this year. 47,594 pounds of poultry was sold during this period as compared to 41,410 pounds during the same period in 1930.

Poultry prices are lower than they were a year ago but not any lower in proportion than other farm products, and not as low as some. Prices are always lower during the hot summer months and due to this fact only one sale will be held each month until cool weather.

The next sale will be held in Sanford on July 25th. This will be a truck sale and the poultry will be received at Palmer and Reeves stable on Endor Street. Prices will be published for this sale in next week's issue of this paper.

WHO DID IT?

On a recent Sunday night some person or persons went to the Kimrey and Johnson garage on Steele Street and stole from the box in the windows their prettiest geraniums and ferns. The men who own this garage have spent money and time making the windows and plots attractive, and they are to be congratulated for it. The destruction of beautiful flowers cultivated to beautify a place and please the public is a pretty mean trick.

The people of Sanford are taking more interest than ever in beautifying their surroundings. Why not encourage them in every way you can? Mrs. Mae Creech has returned to her home here after spending some time with friends in Kinston. Mr. Warlick, who is connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was a visitor here Wednesday.

BLUE TELLS HOW TO RENDER FIRST AID CAR WRECKS

Kiwanians Enjoy Talks of Dr. Waylon Blue and J. E. Brinn.

Club To Meet Tramway

Jarvis Brooks, A Recent Benedict Is "Showered" By The Club.

The Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Central Carolina Hotel last Friday evening. In order that he might become familiar with the work, President Overton had Vice-president John Davenport, Jr., to be the speaker of the evening. He gave promise of making good, presiding officer. Following were the visitors: Robert R. Reed, Charlotte; Julius C. Smith, Greensboro; L. C. Wright, Wilmington; John J. Ingle, Winston-Salem; H. N. Scherer, Baltimore; Garland C. Norris, Raleigh. Mr. Norris is connected with the Sanford Distributing Company. All these gentlemen were here in connection with the Peoples Bank-Newbold trial. Mr. H. R. Dowd, of Aberdeen, who moved to Sanford to become district manager of the Standard Oil Company, was received as a member of the club.

At the conclusion of luncheon the program was turned over to S. J. Husketh, a member of the program committee, who in charge of the program for the evening. The first thing on the program was a "shower" by members of the club in honor of Jarvis Brooks, who recently became a benedict. He went away loaded with such useful things as rolling pins and other domestic utensils and ornaments. The donors were Jack Riddle, J. W. Kirkpatrick, Gilliam Anderson, J. C. Pittman, Chas. P. Rogers, and D. B. Teague.

J. E. Brinn, who is also a member of the program committee, made a talk outlining a new tour is applicable to the vacation season. "While attending a picnic close by a lake, river, ocean or even the old swimming hole," said Mr. Brinn, "don't go out in an automobile. The danger is one is sure of the purity of the water. Typhoid germs are often caught in the most unsuspected place.

"If small children and women are along keep a watchful eye and see that they don't get into deep water. The public health depends chiefly on the automobile for transportation not only for vacation trips, but business as well, and the automobile is the most dangerous thing in the world."

Dr. Waylon Blue, of Jonesboro, made an interesting talk on first aid to people injured in automobile accidents, drowning or bitten by poisonous snakes.

J. W. Kirkpatrick advocated making the lot between the Carolina Hotel and the Temple Theatre a playground for small children. The matter was referred to the Public Affairs Committee.

The meeting Friday night will be held at Tramway and the club will be served dinner by the ladies club at that place. The speaker of the occasion will be Prof. Ruffin, of State College.

SLAYER CLAIMS DEATH ACCIDENT

George Goss Admits Killing Wife But Asserts He Did It Unintentionally.

George Goss, young mulatto negro, who is held in the Lee jail where he awaits trial at the July term of the Superior Court, for the murder of his wife Sally Goss, last Thursday confessed to Sheriff Rives and Deputy Sheriff Paul Watson that he killed her after a heated argument over domestic affairs.

Goss told the officers that he struck his wife while in the heat of passion, killing her with one blow. He maintained he had no intention of making away with her when they started on the early morning drive that turned out to be a "death ride." Goss also told the officers without hesitation offered by several of the witnesses who testified at the coroner's hearing that they saw him pass through the Mexican section on the morning of the killing, going into the direction of the Colon road, was unbound, and that he took another route on the way out there.

A pair of pants, belonging to Goss, and believed to have been worn by him at the time the crime was committed, at the time the crime was committed, were found by the mother of the dead woman after the coroner's inquest. The blood-spotted trousers are being held by the sheriff. A razor, found on the prisoner at the time of his arrest, and believed to have been the weapon with which he committed the crime, is also in the possession of the sheriff. The edge of the razor is badly worn and there is a vicious gap in it which is thought to have been made during the fatal assault.

Goss, in his statement to the officers, denied strongly any element of premeditation insisting that the murder was unintentional and committed while in an angry passion.

LEE COUNTY Inhabited Almost Entirely By Native Americans Who are Loyal, Industrious and Progressive.

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