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## SEABOARD MAKES SETTLEMENT FOR LEE 1930 TAXES

### County To Begin Foreclosure On Property For Which 1929 Taxes Are Unpaid.

### TAX COLLECTIONS GOOD Payment Of Railroad Taxes Largely Due To Plan Started by Williams.

With the receipt of a check here Monday from the Seaboard Air Line Railway, the amount of which was over \$16,000, the total of uncollected taxes in Lee for 1930 dropped to less than \$30,000. The settlement of the railroad's taxes was speeded up by County Attorney Warren R. Williams, who, after conferring with several other counties through whose boundaries the Seaboard runs, was able to offer a compromise to the railroad in the form of a discount of penalties which have occurred on the tax books of the several counties.

The railroad, it is proposed, accepted the compromise proposal which was worked out in a conference in Charlotte at which County Attorney Williams was present. In explaining his action, the County Attorney stated that it was incumbent in view of the fact the penalties were allowed to accumulate since the railroad underwent a federal receivership on Dec. 23, 1930. In the future, however, he advised such penalties would be collectible as taxes are a part of the railroad's operating expenses, which the road now goes under a receivership last year, the penalties, he said, would have, of course, been collectible.

The counties with whom County Attorney Williams successfully negotiated his plan are: Moore, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Cleveland and Rutherford.

Prior to the Seaboard settlement a total of \$190,226.07, according to an announcement by Tax Collector E. A. Griffin, had been collected. Uncollected taxes, said the Tax Collector, were represented by releases, insolvents and sales of land upon which taxes had not been paid.

Releases for 1930 represented \$2,403.89 which accumulated from errors in tax listing, draw-backs allowed by commissioners and other items of like character. \$1,914.98 was credited from the books due to the inability to carry on the insolvent list and applied to personal property alone.

The sales of land which hold the first lien in Lee, he said, held the first lien in October, his estimate.

All this was bid in by the county. This amount, of course, was swelled on account of the fact the Seaboard Air Line's taxes had not been paid at that time.

Although the taxpayers of Lee have to some extent been affected by the depression this is not reflected in the tax collections total which shows but little variation from former years.

J. Melvin Clark, county auditor, is arranging the preliminary papers necessary to the foreclosure on the property of 150 persons who have not yet paid their 1929 taxes. This action, which was carried out by the commissioners in the November meeting, is made compulsory by a recently enacted State law which requires that the counties start proceedings on 1929 taxes before the end of this year or forever forfeit the right to do so.

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Committing themselves because they are hopeful that some one whom they much prefer to any of the candidates now in the race may yet get into the race. Eliminating Sanford, the metropolis of Lee, this county is largely agrarian, and is in sympathy with those forces whose impulses are directed toward relieving the distress in which the farmers find themselves. While Ehringhaus, Fountain and Maxwell are highly regarded by the local electorate, there is a feeling that some one of the calibre of Josephus Daniels or Angus Dhu McLean would more nearly reflect the things to which this section is committed. In consequence, the dominant political forces of the Democracy of Lee, as regards the gubernatorial contest, have adopted a policy of "watchful waiting."

And while, with business conditions as they are, the gubernatorial race is doubtless of far more importance to the voters of this county, the impending senatorial primary, nevertheless, is the one to which greater interest is drawn at this time. The people feel that personnel of the senatorial contestants is more or less settled, and they are going ahead and pledging their allegiance to this candidate and that one. They feel otherwise with reference to the gubernatorial combatants. To relate a stark truth, their preference is sealed in behalf of some non-combatant, some untried Bryan, who may yet emerge to lead them from the wilderness of financial distress. It is thus obvious that it is the senatorial contest which now commands interest.

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## THEY GIRL THEMSELVES FOR SENATORIAL FIGHT



Reading left to right, are pictured North Carolina's Senior United States Senator, Hon. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and two of his three opponents: Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, and Hon. Thomas C. Bowie, of West Jefferson.

The latter two, with Hon. Frank D. Grist, of Raleigh, whose likeness we are unable to reproduce here, are seeking to wrest from Mr. Morrison, in what gives promise of being a tempestuous political campaign, his Senatorial post.

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## SMITH BECOMES HOTEL MANAGER

### Kinston Man Takes Over The Management Of The Sanford Hotel.

The Sanford Hotel, for the past several years operated by Mrs. Gus Womble, has passed into the hands of F. H. Smith, who, it may be recalled, was in charge of the building. Mr. Smith will take charge of the hotel today.

The hotel, stated Mr. Smith yesterday, will continue to be operated on a high plane, the entire interior of the building, he said, will be completely renovated and repainted at once.

The new manager of the Sanford Hotel has been identified with the hotel business for the past twelve years. Before coming here he managed hotels at Kinston, of which city he is a native, and Florence, S. C. He is considered an excellent hotel man. Mr. Smith plans to move his family here at an early date.

Mrs. Gus Womble, who has so successfully operated the hotel for a number of years, is a leader in North Carolina women's club work.

The Sanford Hotel has forty-one rooms and is the property of D. C. Lawrence.

Mr. Clarence Dickens, who for some time has been making his home at Shores, Tenn., came in last week to visit his parents and other relatives and friends.

## TOBACCO FARMER LOSES ON CROP

### Spends \$150 For Fertilizer For His Tobacco But Sells Entire Crop For Only Thirty-Seven Dollars.

"I spent \$150 for fertilizer with which to grow a crop of tobacco this year," said a Lee county farmer to the other day. "I sold my tobacco a few days ago and received \$37 for the entire crop. I quit raising cotton because it did not pay to raise the staple, but tobacco has put me \$113 in debt. I am wondering what I shall plant next year to get me out of the hole I am in."

Quail and Turkey Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bishop, of New York, are expected this week to visit their quail and turkey farm in the Horseshoe on Deep River. Mr. Bishop has built on this farm an attractive but overlooking Deep River. Mr. W. R. Egan lives in the hut and looks after the farm. He expects to raise a large crop of turkeys this year. W. R. Egan.

Somebody or other has invented a motor horn which sounds like a harp, presumably so that the pedestrians will hardly notice their transition to a better life.—Boston Herald.

## CATHOLICS PLAN TO BUILD CHURCH

### Have Purchased Lot and Plan the Erection of A Mission Church Here.

Recently a Catholic priest from Boston came to Sanford in a private car and held a series of meetings in the car near the Union passenger station. Quite a number of people visited the car and literature was distributed here. We understand that the Catholics have purchased a lot on Gulf street for the purpose of building a mission church here. The nearest Catholic church is in Southern Pines.

## LOCAL TOBACCO MAKING RECORD

### Nearly Three Million Pounds of Weed Have Been Sold On Market This Year.

Figures released this morning show that a total of 2,762,418 pounds of tobacco had been sold on the Sanford tobacco market up to and including Wednesday's sales. Over a quarter million dollars, or \$266,384.64 has been paid for the leaf. The season average stand at \$9.64 per hundred. 55,000 pounds of leaf were sold Wednesday for an average of \$9.00 per hundred.

## DR. CARL TAYLOR DELIVERS TALK TO ROTARY CLUB

### Traces Early Migrations Of Original Settlers In The United States.

### TRAGEDY FOR FARMERS Tobacco Companies Fail To Recognize Interdependence Of The Classes.

Responding to an invitation extended by the Sanford Rotary Club, Dr. Carl Taylor, of Raleigh, made a talk Tuesday at the noon luncheon of the club. Dr. Taylor in his talk briefly traced the movement of people in this country from the earliest times when they began to come to America from Europe and settle in Massachusetts and Virginia down to the present day when two thirds of the people live in the towns and cities and one third in the country. In the early days, said the speaker, the emigrants to this country from Europe settled in villages along the Atlantic seaboard and engaged in farming for the most part, the people living in the villages and going out to do their work. Later on many of the people moved to the middle west and far west where they entered land and their work and manner of living was largely rural. A century ago the average farmer made on his own farm about all the things he needed for his own use, including the clothes and his farm-ware. Then came another day, a new era of the factory and the city, where the farmer had to go to the manufacturer and the merchant for a market; and they, in turn, had to go to the farmer for a market. They were independent and this interdependence became more apparent as farming and manufacturing and merchandizing became more highly specialized.

But this interdependence of the farmer and the man in town has not always been recognized, declared Dr. Taylor, and the failure of either party to recognize it was something to be deplored. The failure of the tobacco companies to pay the farmers a fair price for their tobacco was cited as an instance in which this interdependence had been forgotten and the result was a tragedy for farmers. No one class of men would take advantage of another class without a reaction and in the end those who have taken advantage of others because they had this power to do so would have to suffer for it in the wrong done.

It may be stated here that Dr. Taylor is somewhat of a free lance in his discussion of public questions. Until recently he held a professorship at the State College where his plain words about a certain matter which concerned the institution caused him to lose his position. He stated in his talk to the Rotarians Tuesday that he had refused to accept a position with the National Farm Board, a number of Sanford Rotarians are planning to go to Durham on Monday night to hear President Pascual of Rotary International. The new president is an Englishman who is now on a visit to this country.

## WILL HE RUN?

### Will he enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor? This question is being asked all over North Carolina today. It is said that Mr. Daniels has in his office stacks and stacks of letters from men and women urging him to run. It begins to look like he will be drafted for Governor.

## PETERSON DRAFTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Chatham Editor Is An Alarmist In New Role; Calls Out Sanford Fire Dept. Through Error.

While in Sanford Tuesday afternoon in the interest of his paper, the editor of Peterson, the Chatham County newspaper, called out the Sanford fire department through an error. He had a letter in his mailbox in front of the drug store on the corner of North and Steele Streets, which he was opening the mail box, but it turned out to be a fire alarm. His letter to the fire alarm sounded at the City Hall. When he discovered his mistake he ran to the nearest phone to stop the fire department from answering the alarm, but he was too late. Those Sanford fire fighters who "on the job" and before he had time to realize what had happened they drove up in front of the drug store with the big fire truck primed for business. (Ask the members of other fire companies in the State if they are not about the speediest bunch that ever moved down the pike.)

## KIWANIS ELECTS 1932 OFFICIALS

### Kiwanian Pat H. St. Clair Will Be At Helm of Club During Coming Year.

There was a good attendance of members at the luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Carolina Hotel Friday night. Several songs were rendered by the club with Miss Futrell at the piano. The visitors were R. E. Doak, who has had much experience as an athletic coach, and Tom Cheek, coach of the Chapel Hill high school football team. Mr. Doak made an interesting and instructive talk on the subject of football, especially to those who are interested in the popular game.

At the conclusion of luncheon President Overton stated that the next election of officers for the coming year. He named the following nominating committee: C. P. Rogers, J. C. Pittman, T. T. Hayes, J. W. Kirkpatrick and W. R. Makepeace. While they were out deliberating over who should be nominated for officers for next year, Jim McIver was received as a new member in the club. In initiating him J. E. Brinn prophesied that he would be the orator of the club. Miss Louise Futrell, who has so faithfully and efficiently served as music director of the club, was again elected to honorary membership in the club with the title of official honoree.

The names of Dr. J. F. Foster and H. St. Clair were presented to the club as nominees for the office of president. Dr. Foster in asking that his name be withdrawn stated that he had been vice-president of the club and that he wanted to see St. Clair in this recognition. The club yielded to his request and elected Mr. St. Clair by a unanimous vote. J. E. Brinn was unanimously elected vice-president and John Davenport district trustee. These new officers will be installed and take charge the first Friday night in 1932.

The following members were added to the entertainment committee: W. R. Makepeace, J. E. Brinn, L. E. Warrick and James McIver. It was decided to entertain the ladies' Friday night. The club will meet at W. R. Makepeace's cabin on Deep River. He says plenty of barbecue, chicken, corn bread and sweet potatoes will be served. Every member is urged to attend and bring his wife, daughter or sweetheart.

## EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENES AT SHALLOW WELL

### Annual Session In Progress At County Church

### 106th Conference Meets At Shallow Well, Four Miles East of Sanford.

### ELON HEAD PRESIDES

The 106th annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of the Christian Church convened Tuesday morning at Shallow Well Church, four miles east of Sanford, for a three-day meeting.

When the morning session, presided over by Rev. W. C. Wicker, D. D., of Elon College, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a. m. there was a large attendance of delegates and visitors. Following the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Jesse Franks, R. F. D. No. 4, Raleigh, the delegates were enrolled by the secretary, L. L. Vaughn, of Raleigh.

The address of welcome was delivered by J. Walker Kelly, of Jonesboro, and responded to by J. A. King, pastor of Mount Auburn Church, Vance County. Rev. R. A. Whitten, of Reidsville, who has recently accepted a call to Henderson, preached an inspiring sermon from the text: "What do ye more than others?" He urged if Christians are not doing more than others to relieve distress and suffering, then the challenge of Christ should be applied, that faith should be shown by works. At the afternoon session, which opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. Robert Lee House, of Newport News, Va., reports of committees were submitted as follows:

Foreign missions, Rev. E. M. Carter, Youngsville, religious literature, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Henderson; social service, Rev. Herbert Scholz, Macon. These were all interesting and showed that much work had been done during the year.

During the discussion following the report of the Committee on Missions, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., of Elon College, missionary secretary of the conference, delivered a forceful address. Mrs. D. J. Sellers, of the Wilmington conference, spoke in an interesting way on mission work. The goal set by the woman's board for the year was reported.

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## ROAD COMMITTEE HOLDS MEET HERE

### Federal Highway Association Committee Gathers At The Hotel Wilrik.

Plans for boosting travel over Federal Highway No. 1, the main highway artery leading from north to south, were discussed at a meeting of the advertising committee of Federal Highway No. 1 Association which was held at the Hotel Wilrik last Thursday.

Ways and means of providing funds for a wide-spread advertising campaign also tourists, extolling the advantages of traveling over this route was taken up by those present. A program was mapped out for the distribution of guide strips and pamphlets throughout the entire route.

Theo. Barrow, manager of the hotel Wilrik; John A. Park, publisher of The Times, Raleigh; H. F. Burns, City Manager, Town of Southern Pines; Dr. L. R. McBrayer, Southern Pines; Shields Cameron, Realtor, Southern Pines; Mr. Branch, secretary of Chamber of Commerce, Raleigh; Mr. Moore, Manager of the Mansion Park Hotel, Raleigh; and C. R. Lano, of this city, advertising representative of the Association.

## SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

### On Sunday, November 22nd, the Young People's Class of the Sanford Christian Sunday School will give a special Thanksgiving program at the regular 11 o'clock service. The public is cordially invited.

## LIBRARY NOTICE

The following is a list of books presented to the Sanford Library by the Carnegie Endowment Fund:

The Persians—E. D. Ross.  
In Egypt—J. C. Van Dyke.  
Mustapha Kemal of Turkey—H. E. The Good Earth—Pearl Buck.

## RED CROSS FILM IS TO BE SHOWN

### Stirring Review of Red Cross War Performance Scheduled At Theatre.

Swift response to human distress, in war and in peace, is depicted in the stirring sound picture, "The Symbol of Mercy," to be shown at the Temple Theatre Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th.

A thousand feet credited with action, carrying the audience back to the exciting days of war and through emergencies of flood, hurricane and drought—that summarizes the great commemorative reel sponsored by the American Red Cross in its fiftieth anniversary year.

This picture is a gripping, dramatic, review of Red Cross performance in disaster relief, service to veterans, foreign and similar activities. Life saving instruction, and health education.

"The Symbol of Mercy" contains much of human interest. It shows the Red Cross nurse making her rounds under the most trying conditions. It carries one with the National Relief Agency—always "first to arrive at and last to leave"—to the ruins left by sudden catastrophe and the rafting waters reach out in quest of more victims, appears the Red Cross with supplies, workers and new hope.

Milton J. Cross, popular radio announcer, adds much to the enjoyment of the audience by the vibrant enthusiasm of his voice, which accompanies the picture throughout. There is a continuous background of music which lends color and realism to the rapidly shifting moods.

## DR. CHILES OPENS OFFICE IN CAROLINA HOTEL

### Dr. George G. Chiles has opened an office in the Carolina Hotel for the practice of general surgery and gynecology.

Dr. Chiles, formerly of Durham, is a member of the surgical staff of the Lee County Hospital. Since coming here several months ago he has made many friends and is highly regarded in his profession.

Dr. Chiles will have office hours from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M.