



## TAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK

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These words from Amiel stand out today amongst many, thoughtless phrases like the light buoy of a ship in a misty sea. "He who is all-out is forgotten; he who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end."

This is the spirit which keeps one pushing on against great odds as described by Kipling in his oft-quoted poem, "If when nothing is left except the will which says, 'Go on!'"

Something good in everyone they say, no matter how despised. And we believe it. Why look at Hitler? At last a leavable commendable quality has cropped out "Hitler himself."

A book of cartoons (which are said to be what could be called vicious attacks, holding this dictator up to ridicule and scorn, as cartoons, excellent in doing) is being brought out by the press with Hitler's own sanction. In fact he even wrote a foreward.

However, to be absolutely fair to all the "doubting Thomases" we must add that the foreward is the very last word in arrogance. It states that the great Hitler is not concerned with what the present thinks of him, but is quite content to leave his final appraisal to the future.

This foreward, too, is described by newspapermen as a master stroke of diplomacy. A stroke which disarms the book in its clever attacks, and which is designed to appeal to the sportsmanship of the people.

Well, it was the sporting thing to do, Hitler. So we—  
"Sing a song of sixpence—  
Something bright in all,  
Flowers in the summer

Reminds us of that incident some months ago, when an editor, Thomas, of Rockingham, was it not, got drunk and arrested. He wrote the escapade up in his own paper, not sparing or excusing his conduct in the least. Scads of type was used in editorial comment (commendation always) by the press in general. We wanted to write a skit on it ourselves but delayed the impulse when so many were following the same impulse to applaud his ability to not only take it but lay it on.

Unusual and picturesque nomenclature seems a hobby in the good old U. S. A.

The following names were recently culled from the daily press: Roe Hart, J. A. W. Payne, Chase Going Woodhouse, R. A. Poe, Finis Idleman, A. H. Imahorn. Let's stop before someone says we fictionalized these. The clippings are here on the desk—strange tho-it may seem.

Finis Idleman is the most restful, peaceful and clam name one could have imagined in a troubled age. To offset it let's make one, How's this, "Chase Something Going." Perhaps "Sitting Bull" from our history looks might offset that one. "Lucky Strike" offsets that nicely. Now! Now! Might have known we'd get dizzy. What is this, a game?

Some items read months ago keep ranking around in memory. One especially clamorous is that message Owen D. Young spilled in an address. We quote: "There are only three rooms in a house. No big houses has more than three, no matter what the numerical count may be. No small house has less than three—a kitchen, a settin' room and a bed room. These are the heart of the house and more we cannot use."

"No citizen in this land should be so poor as to have less, and no citizen in this land can ever be so rich as to buy more."

We've been aching to answer Mr. Young on that for a long time. We believe we are properly impressed with his name, understand his rating with Dun and Bradstreet fairly well and know his rating with the Brain Trust is equally altitudinous. But—all the same—we wonder if Mr. Young has not focused his eyes on the typical rich family—where one or two children at the most exist. How about the kind of family Mussolini sponsors? How adjust the three rooms with proper grace when the "numerical count" of the family is from ten to fourteen?

We remember stopping out of the (Continued on Page Eight.)

## List Takers Named

The County Commissioners, in their monthly session Monday, appointed tax listers for the different townships of Lee county as follows: Greenwood—J. J. Edwards; Jonesboro—C. A. Godfrey; Cape Fear—W. Lewis Thomas; Deep River—E. Jack Johnson; Sanford—C. R. Bell, E. T. Buchanan, Pocket—G. R. Paschall.

The above tax listers are scheduled to begin their work on the first Monday in April.

## NEW CROP LOAN OFFICE NOW OPEN

Office of Latest Federal Farm Loan Agency is Opened At Court House.

The Lee county branch office of the Production Credit Corporation has been opened at the court house and was put in operation last Monday. Misses Gene Yates and Nell Yarborough, who have been employed in the CWA office at this place for the past few weeks, have been transferred to the court house and are now assisting Mr. E. O. McMahan in the corporation work. A few applications have been filed by farmers of this county and it is expected that many more will make application for funds during the next few weeks. There is quite a lot of detail to the work, but after Mr. McMahan and these young ladies get the hang of the thing they will be able to fill out and forward the applications for funds about as fast as they come in.

Ernest Graham, President of the Production Credit Corporation, of Columbia, today announced a new procedure designed to simplify loans of \$50 to \$500 obtained through Production Credit Associations.

Under the new arrangement farmers desiring loans for the production of general agricultural crops, live-stock or poultry products will fill out all papers in connection with their loan at the time of application. The local association will then pass on the security offered and if approved by them, forward the papers directly to the intermediate Credit Association.

An applicant will be required to give a first lien on the crops to be grown, his chattels and livestock. Further, he explained where a small balance is outstanding against a farmer's crops, chattels or livestock and he is able to secure an extension beyond the time of maturity of the Production Credit Association's loan he will still be eligible to become a borrower.

"We are determined," said President Graham, "that the Production Credit Association will make it possible for every worthy farmer in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida to secure the necessary credit for his agricultural production purposes this year. The arrangement as now worked out, we believe, will make credit available to between 75 per cent and 80 per cent of the farmers in this district."

Mr. Graham said that at the present time the interest rate on Production Credit Association loans would be 6 per cent. He urged farmers to make their applications at once as the 116 associations serving this district are set-up and ready to do business.

## LOCAL YOUNG MAN IN SHOOTING FRAY

Quite a little excitement was created on Linden, Avenus last Sunday afternoon about 8:30 o'clock when Earl Matthews shot his wife while on the sidewalk in front of the home with a pistol. She was rushed to the Lee County Hospital for treatment. It seems that the bullet took effect in her chest. Upon examination the physicians found that it was a flesh wound and not of a serious nature. Mrs. Matthews has since been able to leave the hospital and return to her home.

Matthews was committed to jail where he is now being held for trial. It is stated that domestic troubles brought about a separation between Matthews and his wife some two weeks ago and he brooded over the matter, which caused him to commit the rash act. Both parties to the unfortunate affair are members of good families and their friends regret the turn the matter has taken.

## RETURNS TO SANFORD

Mr. Ernest Marks, who has engaged in the saw mill business near Acme for the past two or three years, has returned to Sanford and is now actively connected with the firm of Dalrymple, Marks and Brooks. His many Sanford friends will be pleased to learn that he is again making his home here. Mrs. Marks expects to join him here at an early date.

## PROPOSITION OF POWER COMPANY AGAIN REVIEWED

Explanation of Franchise Discussed in Interview With Company Official.

## WOULD RUN CITY LIGHTING

Request For Long-Term Contract Explained By State Power Regulation.

"There is nothing complicated or mysterious about a franchise," said a representative from the Raleigh office of the Carolina Power and Light Company in discussing his negotiations with the City of Sanford. "Our franchise is nothing more or less than an ordinary non-exclusive business permit which includes the city's permission to use the curb lines along the city streets as a right-of-way for delivering our service to our customers," he explained.

According to this representative's statements, the franchise which his company seeks is, in fundamental principle, no different from the business permit of any other merchant or industry in Sanford. Other business concerns in our city make use of public streets and sidewalks in the regular conduct of their business, but as explained by the power company's representative, they may do so without any special permit from anyone. The power company also makes use of the city streets and alleys to deliver its products, but on account of the fact that its distribution facilities must be permanently installed, it must secure a special permit or franchise from the city's governing authorities. The power company claims, therefore, that it is asking for no privilege which is not already more or less automatically enjoyed by other businesses and taxpayers.

"The question was raised as to whether or not the proposed franchise, if granted by the city, would exclude other companies from coming into Sanford or prevent Sanford from installing its own power plant and distribution system. The franchise sought would give the Carolina Power and Light Company the right to operate power companies to compete with the Carolina Power and Light company for business in our city or from installing its own plant at any time the people desire to do so. It is evident, of course, that if the Carolina Power and Light company is granted the permission to continue in business here, no other company would be expected to come into our city and make a duplicate investment in pole lines, transformers, etc. for the amount of business they could hope to get with the Carolina Power and Light company already well established in the city. The power company people explained, however, that in view of the fact that they operate under strict state regulation, the people of Sanford are able to secure better service at lower rates than would be available if rates and quality of service depended on free competition. The Public Utilities Commission of North Carolina is elected by the people to (Continued on Page Eight.)

## NORFOLK MINISTER ATTRACTS CROWDS

The services with Dr. Sparks W. Melton, Norfolk, Va., at the Baptist church, have been unusually well attended.

The other ministers with their congregations have refused to let this thing be "done in a corner," and the fine catholic spirit of both Dr. Melton and the people of Sanford has lifted all our finer sensibilities.

Dr. Melton's sermons have been classics of beauty and of truth. We shall not fail to remember that our indifference to Christ has brought Him more cruel wounds than those he received at the hands of a less sensitive generation long years ago outside the city walls of Jerusalem. "And as we pass Him by today he crouches beside some wall and sighs for Calvary. . . . What a wealth of meaning in the sermon "Humanizing Religion." With God there is no wall of division; no secular and sacred for with God all is sacred, and God can be wrought into every work of man's hands. That man or woman who puts character, honesty and integrity into his labor is saying a fine thing for his God and at the same time he is showing intelligent love for his neighbor. . . . "I have kept the faith." It is hard to keep faith with one's self and with friends. It is hard to keep faith with Christ. "I have kept the faith," said Paul as he brought new light to a Roman prison, and nothing else matters so much.

There remain two more services, this evening and Friday at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

## TRADING MACHINES GET SPOTLIGHT AT COURT HOUSE

Legal Entanglements Regarding Local Operation of Machines Discussed.

## ASK FOR HIGHWAY FUNDS

Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements For Quarters of Farm Agent.

The Board of Commissioners of Lee county were in regular monthly session Monday, with all members present.

Mr. E. O. McMahan, County Demonstration Agent, and Miss Cornelia Simpson, Home Demonstration Agent, filed reports of the work done during the month of February.

The following personal property valuations were fixed: Cotton, 10c a pound; corn, 50c a bushel; wheat, 90c a bushel; oats—lumber, \$10.00; cross ties, 20c each; pulp wood, \$2.50 a cord; bacon, 5c a pound; lard, 5c a pound.

The matter of A. A. Chishalm land in Greenwood Township, 100 acres, on Big Juniper Creek, reduced to \$500, to be effective on 1933 taxes.

It was ordered that \$2 per month be added to helper's wages at County Home.

It was ordered that E. C. Fore and James Sloan be admitted to the county Home.

It was ordered that Harris-Makepeace valuation be reduced to \$8,500 to apply on 1933 taxes. This was an error on carrying forward an abstract.

A motion carried to fix the valuation of the C. H. Fore land in Greenwood township. A 13-acre tract was fixed at \$250.00 and a 30-acre tract at \$400.00. This valuation is to apply on the land for the taxes of 1932 to 1933 inclusive.

A delegation of citizens headed by R. L. Burns came before the board asking for an appropriation to advertise the advantages and attractions of Federal Highway No. 1 through Lee county to tourists. After hearing what these gentlemen had to say about the matter it was ordered that the sum of \$100 be appropriated to (Continued on Page Eight.)

Mr. Sam Hoyle, of Carthage, a member of the law firm of Hoyle & Hoyle, has announced himself a candidate for State senator from Moore county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June. Mr. Hoyle represented Lee county in the lower house of the General Assembly in 1917. He is a brother of Mr. K. R. Hoyle, of this place, who is a candidate for the nomination of the judgeship in this district.

That there is a possibility that Congressman Walter Lambeth will have opposition in the June Democratic primary, according to an article in the Charlotte News by C. A. Paul, Rockingham newspaper man. Mr. Paul says it is reported that T. E. Battley, of Hamlet, is thinking of becoming a candidate. Mr. Battley several years ago opposed the late Congressman W. C. Hammer in the primary, but was rather badly beaten.

Sanford and a dozen or so other North Carolina towns, some of them in this immediate territory, would profit should an amendment proposed by Senator Josiah Bailey concerning additional funds for the public works administration be adopted. Nearby towns in a position like Sanford and the amounts once arranged for them are: Sanford, \$95,000; Southern Pines, \$95,000; Albemarle, \$85,000; Dunn, \$85,000; Fayetteville, \$115,000; Rockingham, \$210,000.

If you are an unmarried person and had an income of \$1,000 during the year of 1933, or if you are a married person and had an income of \$2,000, you should file a return with the State Revenue department on or before March 15th. Mr. Joe Caviness, deputy commissioner, will be in the office of the Wilrik Hotel at this place on the 14th and 15th of March for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns. Be sure to see him while he is here.

Mr. W. T. Dowd, who was recently made marshal of the Middle Federal district, with headquarters at Greensboro, will go to that city and take charge of the office Saturday. He will receive his commission when he qualifies by being sworn in. Four of the six officers under him will be discharged to make room for new men. The other two will be retained for a short-while so as to assist in breaking in the new men. Mr. Dowd will attend court at Rockingham next week. As has been stated in these columns Mr. Dowd will continue to make his home in Sanford.

## Lee Gets PWA Funds

County Superintendent George Wheeler informed The Express last night that he had just received a wired message from Congressman Walter Lambeth in Washington, to the effect that the PWA funds that had been applied for to enlarge consolidated school buildings in Lee county, had gone through and would be allowed. The contracts for the work will be let in the next 30 to 60 days and the necessary funds can be had as soon as needed. This means that the work will be pushed during the summer months and that the additional rooms will be ready as soon as the schools open next fall. This will give quite a number of men employment at good wages during the next few months.

## SALES TAX TALKED BY KIWANIS CLUB

Members of Club Express Different Opinions As To Our State Sales Tax.

In the absence of President J. E. Brinn, vice-president R. G. Sowers presided over the meeting of the Kiwanis Club which was held at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. C. H. Teague, of Hamlet, was a visitor. J. A. Overton discussed the possibility of finishing the swimming pool which is now being constructed. He went to Raleigh and discussed the matter with those who are in charge of CWA affairs in that city, and came home feeling encouraged over the matter.

The meeting Friday night will be given by the ladies of the Jonesboro Baptist church.

The program of the evening was turned over to D. B. Teague, chairman of the program committee. The principal thing discussed was the sales tax question. J. Mc. Clark led off in the discussion, he quoted figures which he compiled at the court house showing that the tax on land had been greatly reduced as a result of the operation of the sales tax and how it had benefitted the people by lowering the tax burden.

It was stated that the labor and material now in sight would take care of the swimming pool, but that the money that it is proposed to raise from the tax payers will be used to purchase a filtration plant. It is thought that a second hand plant can be had in Raleigh for about \$3,000. It was thought that county might be willing to join the town in putting in a new pool and make it a county pool.

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John Davenport said, in discussing the question, that he was not in favor of a sales tax at the beginning, but seemed to become more favorable to it after he saw how it worked. He suggested that if handled systematically it would not give the business people much trouble.

Sales tax and said he was opposed to it because it oppressed the poor man. He argued that the big corporations profited by the sales tax.

W. R. Harness thought the sales tax a good emergency measure.

W. C. York admitted that he had been converted. He said that he was opposed to the sales tax at first, but had changed his mind after seeing how it worked. He said it had been a great benefit to the schools and had helped the credit of the State.

## JUDGE DISMISSES EVELYN HARKEY

It is stated from Winston-Salem that Evelyn Harkey, 20 years of age, of Lee county, arrested in Rocky Mount with an alleged band of desperadoes and carried to the Twin City to answer to charges of theft of an automobile, was discharged in superior court Tuesday.

Judge Frank S. Hill dismissed the case when the girl testified she was picked up by Eugene Gunter in Greensboro and that she did not know the machine had been stolen.

Gunter was also wanted on the theft charges, but is held at Troy on more serious charges. He is charged with shooting an officer at Troy a few weeks ago while he and others were attempting to rob a bank. He is being held there for trial for this crime. According to the stories that have been published in the newspapers during the past few weeks he will have to eventually face the courts in numerous alleged crimes. It is expected that he will be carried back to the penitentiary and required to serve out the term for murder or manslaughter in this county. He was out on parole. It is alleged that he was a member of a safe cracking gang that spread terror wherever they operated. They did not get in any of their work in this county, but operated in Moore and other counties west of here.

Duncan St. Clair spent the past week end in Henderson with friends.

## Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Denson announce the birth of a son, John, Jr., born February 27th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

## CITIZENS TO HEAR PLEA POOL TAX

Many Ideas and Opinions Are Set Forth As To Means for Completing Pool.

## PROPOSE RAISE TAX RATE

Filtration Plant Is Source Of Latest Trouble; CWA Funds Insufficient.

The board of aldermen held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the City Hall last Tuesday night. The committee which had been instructed to talk into consideration the question of recommending that the Carolina Power and Light company be granted a franchise, did not make a report. The matter will come up at some future meeting. The aldermen feel that they have plenty of time to consider the matter as the present franchise will not expire until 1936.

On last Monday evening at a meeting which was held in the City Hall to consider the question of raising funds to complete the swimming pool, a committee was appointed to canvass the town and ask the property owners to subscribe to a petition to raise the municipal tax rate to get the necessary funds to complete the job. This committee made report at the meeting of the board Tuesday night. Although they had the names of a large number of petitioners, they did not have 50 per cent of the real estate of the town which was necessary to put the town over. They left with the understanding that they would make further effort to get the additional necessary signatures to the petitions. They are to report at a future meeting.

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## Edwards Held In Lee Jail For Assault Act

A new motor car made by the Edwards Railway Motor Car Company for the Virginia-Carolina and Southern Railroad, is now about completed and will soon be ready to be shipped to the company. It is about the largest car this company has ever made, 43 feet long and cost \$35,000. A force of mechanics and others have been about 50 days building the car. Mr. M. H. Newlin, who has charge of the plant, tells The Express that the car will make its maiden trip over the Atlantic and Western road next week to Lillington as a test. It will then be shipped by its own power over the Atlantic Coast Line to Fayetteville and from there to Lumberton where it will be turned over to its new owners.

The Edwards Railway Motor Car Company has not been in operation for some time until recently, but the prospect for business looks more encouraging than in several years. It is expected that when business conditions become normal this company will operate regularly.

## Rotarians Hear Norfolk Minister Here Tuesday

The Rotary Club held its weekly meeting as usual at the Wilrik. A splendid attendance was noted.

The program was in charge of the Rev. A. V. Gibson, who introduced Rev. Frank Hawkins, who in turn presented the speaker. A splendid talk was made by the Rev. Sparks Melton, a Baptist minister of Norfolk. He made a most interesting and inspiring talk on Citizenship—one of the best talks ever heard at a meeting of the local club.

The following visitors were present: Earl D. Sprague, Bridgeport, Conn.; Chas. Wheeler, Geneva, N. Y.; Dr. T. A. Ganur, Bridgeport, Conn.; G. E. Bobbitt; D. E. Stewart, Raleigh; R. P. Dicks, Rockingham; Gardner Carpenter, Marlboro; Mass.; Harry Applebaum, New York City; Geo. B. Graff, Boston, Mass.; R. D. Bracken.

Miss Jean Lane, of Sanford, who is teaching at Southern Pines, is acting as page at the D. A. R. Convention in Winston-Salem this week.