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## COUNTY TAX RATE IS INCREASED TO 90 CENTS

### Along With Increased Assessment The Tax Rate is Increased 8 Cents

At the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the tax rate for the county was increased from 82 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation to 90 cents on the hundred. The order increasing the taxes is as follows:

Ad valorem on each one hundred dollars worth of property as assessed for taxation--

22-3 cents for State purposes, 4 cents for pensions, 20 cents for general county purposes, all under the general revenue law of the State;

17 cents for public roads. Under chapter 582 of the Public-Local Laws of 1915;

4-1-3 cents for court house and jail indebtedness, under chapter 789 of the Public Laws of 1907;

2 cents for four months school, under chapter 33 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session 1913, and other existing school and revenue laws of the State, in response to the request of the board of education of Randolph county as prescribed by law;

Poll tax, on each poll, for the purpose prescribed by the general laws of the State, \$2.00;

And there is also levied a license tax to the full amount allowed by law in each and every case where a State tax is levied under the general revenue and machinery laws of the State, except that no county tax is now levied under sections 32, 48, 55, 66 and 69 of the Revenue Act of 1915; and under section 28 a tax equal in amount to one-half of the State tax, only, is levied.

A tax of 20 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed value of property and 60 cents on each taxable poll is hereby levied on all taxable property and polls in Randleman township, pursuant to chapter 838 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, 1909, and the acts amendatory thereof.

A tax is levied in each special school district in the county at the same rate as was levied last year.

The members of the Board of Road Trustees for Randolph County were appointed as follows:

Clarence Parks, of Franklinville township, and a member of the County Board of Commissioners, appointed for the term ending 2nd, Monday of January 1917.

Arthur Ross, of Asheboro township, appointed for the term ending--2nd, Monday in January 1917.

R. M. Cranford, of New Hope and R. D. Patterson of Liberty, appointed for the term ending 2nd Monday of January 1919, and the clerk to the board is hereby directed to notify said parties of their appointments, and of the fact that they are directed to meet at the Court House, Asheboro, on Monday August 16th, 1915 for the purpose of organizing and transacting any business that may come before them.

An order was signed appointing W. J. Scarborough, Ferd Ingold and Hal Worth a committee to settle with the sheriff.

R. J. Pearce was reappointed steward of the county home for a term of two years, beginning October 1st, at a salary of \$300 per annum, payable quarterly, present bond to be renewed.

An appropriation of \$150 was made to pay half the cost of constructing a bridge on Tibbs Creek, near Moffitt's Mill.

**GUILFORD TO DO HER PART**

Will Soon Finish Road Toward Randolph County.

Many have been the questions as to why Guilford county has not finished her part of the joint road from Asheboro to Greensboro and last week Road Supervisor, J. A. Davidson of Guilford county gave out an interview in which he stated that the road would be completed shortly, and in this connection it might be stated that Randolph yet has a few miles to travel and the sooner the better for soon will the winter weather set in and the road should be allowed to settle before a freeze hits it.

The road from Asheboro toward Greensboro is one of the finest roads ever built in the county, wide, well graded and straight, the road from Asheboro to Randleman being an excellent piece of work.

Seagrove Roller Mill Will Soon be Completed.

The new roller mill of the Seagrove Mill and Store company will soon be completed and the machinery from the present mill will soon be installed in the new building. The mill will be modern in every respect and is a splendid enterprise for that section of the county.

Moonlight School Rally at Lexington. There will be a big Moonlight School Rally, at Lexington, N. C., August 28th.

## NO MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT

### Report of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association

Secretary and treasurer W. R. Julian, of the Randolph county branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association has made the following report.

Number of members at this date, 1088, number of new members since the first of the year, 58.

Amount of insurance in force now \$1,214,137. The amount paid out for losses last quarter was \$66.33; for expenses, \$74.51. Amount of money on hand last report was \$2,748.89. There will be no assessment before January, 1915. The amount of cash on hand is \$2,567.39.

We make this report for the information of members and say further that if any mistake has occurred in any way the secretary would be glad to help correct it and would appreciate any help in making the Randolph county branch the best in the State.

**ROAD MEETING**

To be Held at Glenola Aug. 21--Want Connecting Link.

Interested parties have requested The Bulletin to announce that a road meeting would be held at Glenola school house on Saturday, Aug. 21st, for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the completion of the road from Randleman to Progress thus making all the old plank road a gravel surfaced road.

Speakers will be present from Asheboro, High Point and Randleman and all parties interested are urged to attend this meeting.

This is an important piece of road work and no trouble should be experienced in raising money sufficient to grade and surface the road on the same score that road work has been carried on in the county--the county paying half the cost and the citizens a half by private subscription. Traversing the richest farming section of the county the people will certainly raise their proportionate part of the funds and it could hardly be expected that the commissioners would do otherwise than "come across" with their part.

Anyhow every citizen in that section should make it a point to be present and show his interest.

**Convict Killed at State Farm.**

Hiram Sykes, one of the four gunmen sent to the State Farm in December of last year for felonious assault in which a member of the Charlotte police force was seriously injured, was shot and killed last week at the Caledonia farm camp No. 2, in Halifax county. Sykes was serving a 12-year sentence. He attempted to escape when returning from work.

**Gallimore Gets Two Years.**

At Davids County Superior Court Jim Gallimore, who shot and seriously wounded his cousin, Cora Gallimore, a girl of 16, about three months ago near Denton. He was given two years on the roads. He was drunk at the time of the shooting and shot entirely without provocation.

**Two Dead and One Wounded in Election Riot**

Two men were killed and one man seriously injured in an election day riot in Breathitt county, Kentucky last week.

**Goethals Retires November First**

Gen. George W. Goethals will retire as governor of the Panama Canal zone November 1st, according to the terms of his resignation recently filed.

**Storm Blows Down Tent.**

A storm at Mt. Gilend, Montgomery County, blew down a tent in which Evangelist Raymond Browning was conducting a meeting. No one hurt.

**Heavy Caneloupe Shipments.**

Fully 1,000 cars of caneloupes have been shipped this season from Fayetteville, Wilmington and other sections in Eastern Carolina.

**Alamance S. S. Convention.**

The Alamance County Sunday School Association will meet at Swensonville, August 28th and 29th.

**Jamestown School to be Completed October 1st.**

The new \$20,000 High School building at Jamestown, Guilford county, will be completed by October, 1st.

**Boy Dies From Being Struck by Baseball**

Ivan Johnson, a 16-year-old Raleigh boy died from being struck in a ball game by a pitched ball last week.

**Guilford Property Shows Increase**

The increase of taxable property in Guilford county is about one and a half million dollars.

**Primitive Baptists in Session at Greensboro**

The Upper Line of Primitive Baptists of North Carolina held a three-day session in Greensboro last week.

## IS BELIEVED TO BE WORK OF A GANG

### Asheboro Store Robbed--Also at Climax, Millboro, Staley, And Liberty

The store of Mr. R. C. Johnson was broken into sometime Friday night and several dollars worth of goods taken. While Mr. Johnson cannot tell exactly what was taken he knows the thieves got four pairs of shoes, several shirts, a suit case and several pennies that he had left in the money drawer. He thinks that many other things were taken, but as he had a large trade the evening previous and large piles of goods were scattered over the counters, it is impossible to tell just what is gone.

The robbers evidently got hungry while doing the job, for they went from Mr. Johnson's place to the grocery store of B. A. Brown and forced an entrance through a front window and in and helped themselves to sardines, potted ham, crackers, etc. The strangest thing of the whole operation was when they lifted about a dozen lamp chimneys of different sizes. This goes to strengthen the belief that there is an organized band of thieves operating in different parts of the county. Otherwise the theft of the lamp chimneys is inexplicable.

The gang has robbed stores within the past four months at Climax, Staley, Millboro and Liberty, taking about \$150 worth of shoes from one store at the latter place. A negro man has been arrested and placed in jail in connection with these robberies.

**BIG CROWDS ATTEND THE COBLE REUNION**

### Reunion of The Descendants of George and Jacob Coble is Held at Coble Church

A crowd of people estimated at anywhere from 1,800 to 2,500 assembled at Coble's church, near Julian, Wednesday to attend the reunion of the Coble families. The morning was very unfavorable, the skies threatening rain, yet the people came from every direction in all kinds of vehicles, wagons, buggies, and automobiles, on bicycles and on foot.

The services consisted of songs and quartets and addresses.

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat conducted the devotional services.

Th family historian, Rv. D. I. Offman made his report.

George and Jacob Coble were born in Hovenheim, Germany, and came to this country about 1750 or later. They both married daughters of Philip Gless, who came from Germany too.

These brothers reared seven sons and nine daughters. All these married save one and from them descended many of the Cobles in this section.

Anthony Coble, a cousin of the above George and Jacob, also came from Germany and settled on Beaver Creek, in Clay township. He reared four sons and seven daughters. From these are descended many Cobles in Guilford and other parts of the country.

There were three brothers, David, Henry and John, who came from Pennsylvania, and settled in Alamance county. Their descendants are quite numerous.

Again there were four others, John, Barbara, Catherine and Peter, came from Germany with their parents and settled in Alamance. There are many of their descendants.

Still there was another one, John, who lived in Randolph prior to 1792 as he was a prominent man in the Lutheran church congregation at that place about that time. He left many descendants, among whom is ex-Judge A. L. Coble, of Statesville.

The historian has gathered over 3,000 names of the descendants of these early settlers and there are yet many to be gathered as many have moved to distant states, from Indiana to California.

Nearly every family in the adjoining counties has intermarried with the Coble family.

Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the schools of Alamance county, whose mother was a descendant of Anthony Coble, made a most excellent address which received much praise.

A sumptuous dinner was spread in the grove and was heartily enjoyed by all present.

D. H. Coble was elected president of the association; J. Frank Coble, vice president; H. C. Coble, secretary, and Rev. D. I. Offman, historian.

Wednesday after the second Sunday in August, 1916, was selected for the time for the next meeting.

**Again War and Whiskey.**

In the various addresses at the annual meeting of Friends at Guilford College this week the sentiment was strong against war and strong for prohibition.

## LEO FRANK LYNCHED

### Twenty-Five Unknown Assaults Overpower Prison Authorities

Leo M. Frank, Georgia's noted life convict, was removed from the Georgia prison farm at Milledgeville, Ga., Monday night by 25 armed men, who overpowered Warden Smith and other prison officials and carried seven miles away and lynched.

Leo M. Frank was found guilty of the murder of Mary Phagan on Aug. 25th, 1913, and sentenced to be hanged. He was the superintendent of the National Pencil company in Atlanta, in the basement of which he and a watchman on the night of April 27.

Repeated attempts were made in the state courts to obtain a new trial for Frank, but without success. Efforts to obtain a writ of habeas corpus in the federal district court at Atlanta and finally in the Supreme court of the United States also were futile.

On the night of June 21, this year, two days before the date set for the prisoner's execution, he was removed from the county jail in Atlanta and rushed to the state prison farm upon orders from Governor Slaton, now retired. The next day the Governor announced that he had granted a petition made in Frank's behalf asking that his death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

A few weeks ago an attempt was made by J. William Green, another convict, to kill Frank by cutting his throat. Frank's condition was serious for some days, but it was announced recently that he practically had recovered.

**RANDOLPH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

### Will Convene Tomorrow Morning At M. E. Church in Town of Ramseur

The Randolph county Sunday school Association will hold its annual convention, beginning tomorrow morning at the M. E. church in Ramseur.

An interesting program has been prepared and Ramseur is likewise prepared to entertain the convention in royal style.

**SHIPMENT OF GOLD REACHES NEW YORK**

### Fifty-Two Millions Worth of Gold and Securities Sent By Bank of England

A special train carrying \$52,000,000 worth of gold and securities which had been shipped by the Bank of England from London via Halifax, N. S. arrived at New York last week.

The train was composed of several steel cars and was guarded by 40 armed men.

Of the total shipment \$35,000,000 was in gold and believed to be in the form of American double eagles. The weight was about seventy-five tons. It was said to be the largest single shipment of gold ever sent across the Atlantic in one vessel.

It was brought over in a British battleship, which was conveyed through the war zone and across the ocean by a cruiser and a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers to guard against attack of German submarines. The cost of transferring it from London to New York was estimated to have been \$250,000.

It was said that the British battleship brought over not only the \$52,000,000 in gold and securities for New York, but also a shipment of gold destined for Canada, whose treasury recently sent gold amounting to \$135,000,000 to New York.

**Negro Convict Hated Work; Killed Self.**

An unusual case is reported from a convict camp in Guilford county. A negro convict named Stuart ended his life by drinking disinfecting fluid and eating soap. Mr. Davidson, in charge of the camp says that this negro hated work so much that it was the one and only reason he ended his life.

**Lexington Child Run Over and Killed**

Little Clay Waitman, son of C. A. Waitman was instantly killed at Lexington last week when he fell from a wood-saw wagon driven by his brother and was caught beneath the wheels.

**11-Cent Parcel Post Stamp**

An 11-cent parcel post stamp has been authorized by the postoffice department.

The new stamp is to be dark green and with the profile head of Benjamin Franklin.

## WHO HAS HUNDRED PER CENT. BABY?

### Randolph's Better Babies Contest Will be Held Here September 3rd

Surely Randolph county has a perfect baby and we should like to know who owns him. Two babies scored 99 at the contest last year. The doctors who will examine the babies at the Better Babies Contest to be held in the Court House on September 3rd, under the auspices of the Woman's Club will keep their eagle eyes open for him. Every mother will wait breathlessly for the verdict of the Scoring Committee.

Application blanks may be secured from Miss Esther Ross, Asheboro, N. C., and should be filled in as soon as possible and returned to her and a committee will see that each child registered is properly entered as a contestant. All babies from 6 mo. to 48 mo. of age are eligible for this contest.

The State Health Exhibit will be in Asheboro for ten days beginning August 30th. This exhibit teaches many lessons on sanitation and hygiene. The Woman's Club of Asheboro bears all expense in getting this exhibit here and every one in Randolph County is invited to attend. Special hours for the colored people will be announced later.

The following is the entrance blank for the contest. Fill it out today and mail to Miss Esther Ross, Asheboro, N. C.

Parents Name.....  
Address.....  
Name of Child in full.....  
Age in Months at time of contest.....  
Sex.....

**PROPOSITION PUT UP TO THOMASVILLE**

### If Proper Support is Received Will Electrify Road Between High Point-Thomasville

At a meeting held in Thomasville last week representatives of the Color interests made the citizens a proposition which if accepted as it probably will be, will mean more to the industrial development of that city than anything in its history. In a nutshell, the proposition, if accepted, will mean that in the near future Thomasville will have a street railway service, industrial sidings at its manufacturing plants, a gas plant, electric railway connection with High Point, with ultimate railroad facilities unsurpassed by any city of its size in the State. The business men viewed the matter with much favor, and preliminary steps were taken looking towards securing these much desired advantages.

Naturally You Would read a paper that not only gives all of the news, but with it includes a thirty-two page magazine filled with Fiction of the best, Literary Criticisms, Art, Music, Poetry and Comics--a Sunday magazine illustrated and printed in colors. This is what you get by buying "The Philadelphia Press."

In the daily paper each day a film was posed by the king of fun makers of the movie screen is given. Who is the king? Why Charley Chaplin of course. See him every day in "The Philadelphia Press."

**L. H. Allred Assigns Property to Creditors.**

L. H. Allred, prominent lawyer, legislator and until Friday night mayor of Smithfield, filed a petition in bankruptcy Monday night, and assigned his property over to J. H. Agell, trustee, for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Allred's liabilities were estimated at \$25,000 and his assets at half that amount, but relatives and friends came to his relief.

**Liberty Girl Leaves Training School**

Sallie Amick, a white girl of about 25 years is at liberty from the Caswell Training School at Kinston, the state institution for the feeble minded. The girl is believed to have left the place clad only in night clothes. She weighs about 115 pounds, has light hair, peculiar expression in eyes and was possibly barefooted when she escaped. Her former home was at Liberty.

**Thomasville Losing Population.**

A recent census of the town of Thomasville shows a decrease of 249 in population.

**Rocky Mount Sets a Pace.**

Rocky Mount has the first municipally owned gas plant in the State operating on a paying basis.

**Mutt And Jeff Again.**

Bud Fisher, who furnishes the Mutt and Jeff feature to the papers, has signed a new contract which will bring him a salary of over \$1,000 a week--more than the President of the U. S. receives.

## AN \$100,000 MYSTERY

### Was John O'Connor and James Kirkman The Same?

The "\$100,000 mystery" that for the past two years has caused much speculation among the people of Nebraska and the west and has aroused no little interest in the east, bids fair to have the last scene of unraveling staged with Guilford County in the spot light. This mystery, which is familiar to many in this section of the country surrounds the identity of John O'Connor, a cobbler who died two years ago in Hastings, Neb., leaving an estate valued at upwards of \$100,000. Evidence is being gathered now to show that John O'Connor was James Madison Kirkman, one time resident of Guilford and a son of Harrison Kirkman, of Guilford College.

Since the cobbler's death there have been over 100 claimants of the estate. Litigation has been in progress over it for the past 18 months; but until now there has been no one able to establish a valid claim. About three months ago, J. F. Kirkman, of Omaha, Neb., became interested in the identity of John O'Connor through descriptions carried in the Nebraska papers and finally came to the conclusion that the dead man was his father. He began immediately to make investigation and since then has traveled through Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, in search of evidence, and yesterday he arrived in Guilford County on the last lap of a journey covering over 10,000 miles. He believes that he has established a chain of evidence that will prove conclusively that John O'Connor was James Madison Kirkman, his father.

According to Mr. Kirkman's story as related to a Daily News reporter, his father was born in Guilford County in 1838 and left for Indiana in 1855 or 1856. There on December 25, 1861, he married Mary Trickey and to them was born one child, J. F. Kirkman. When this child was five years old the father disappeared. Nothing was ever heard of him in that section after he left, and following his disappearance in Indiana, nothing was ever heard of him again there. A year after this second disappearance the wife died.

The boy who was left an orphan at the age of 6 years, grew up in Indiana and then went to Illinois. Later he moved to Kansas, and about a year ago moved to Omaha, Neb. He was then less than 150 miles from the place where John O'Connor died, and the little sum laid away has come into a good purpose now; and combined with it is a native instinct for ferreting out buried facts that has proved even more valuable to him.

He first went to Hastings, the scene of John O'Connor's last years, and procured from the courts copies of photographs and other data necessary in the work to follow. Five small photographs were found among the dead man's possessions. Two were of himself, taken when he was still a young man. These were identified yesterday by people living near Guilford College as James Madison Kirkman. A photograph taken of him after his death is also exhibited by Mr. Kirkman, and he says that several people in this county to whom he showed it thought at first it was Harrison Kirkman, of whom John O'Connor is now supposed to have been the son.

Among other photographs cherished by the cobbler was one of a young woman, and another of this same woman with a babe in her arms. Mr. Kirkman says he found people in Indiana who positively identified this woman as his mother.

One of the apparently insurmountable obstacles that stood in the way of identifying the dead man as James Madison Kirkman was that he was married in Indiana as Gov. N. Kirkman. The son believes now that this has been finally overcome. He says that several Guilford County people have told him that James Madison was also known to many while a resident of this county as Governor Kirkman. He believes that when the youth went away and wished to sever forever his connection with home and relatives he took up the nickname and carried it until his second disappearance.

Mr. Kirkman considers his work now practically complete, and expects to return shortly to his home in Omaha. The thread of identification that he has sought out and found will later be gathered up by an attorney he has employed in the case.

The Courts have been threshing out

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## TOWN OF BIG LICK RAPIDLY DWINDLES

### Several Years Ago It Was Thriving Place of Over 300 Souls

Albemarle, Aug. 15.--Not a Nizhni Novogorod inhabited one-half of the year by a large population to be abandoned the other half for her silent streets to become overgrown with grass and weeds, but rather a deserted village typical of the one so vividly described by Oliver Goldsmith, is the plight of a once thriving little Stanley county town. This little village is Big Licks, quaintly located among old oaks and elms, which for 70 or 100 years have sheltered the villagers from the summer sun. It lies just 12 miles west of Albemarle. This now almost abandoned village got its name from the habits of the deer which for years before the first dwellings were erected came from all directions and licked the soil over several acres where the little town was built. Deer hunters therefore, used to brush "blinds" as they called them, of brush in which they would conceal themselves from the timid buck and roe which frequented the "big lick" as it finally came to be designated. From this the village which was built on the site of the "big lick" derived its name and when a post office was established there it was named Big Lick.

For a long time before and after the Civil War, Big Lick was one of the largest towns in Stanley county, being about the size of Albemarle up to about 30 years ago. The little village reached its zenith of glory about 15 or 20 years ago, when it had a resident population of about 300 people, an excellent high school, a roller mill, a cottonseed oil mill, a coffin factory and about 10 stores. The high school was largely attended by students from all adjoining counties and many from South Carolina, and from September 1 to the middle of May the little town was alive with youth and laughter. Then came the beginning of the downfall, with the construction of the Yadkin railway from Salisbury to Albemarle. This caused Albemarle to make unprecedented progress and in this whirlpool of Albemarle's growth, many of Big Lick's best and most substantial residents were caught, and "Forced from their homes, a melancholy train."

They bent their energies to the up-building of Albemarle. This exodus continued and then went the cottonseed oil mill. A few years later the high school closed down for the first time in many years. Next went the roller mill and then the last and fatal blow was landed when two years ago the Norfolk Southern railway was built from Mt. Gilead to Charlotte. The survey missed Big Lick just a little more than a mile and a half. The depot was located on the farm of C. C. Furr, who began to boost and sell off lots. Oakboro grew up almost overnight as a result. Then one by one the residents of Big Lick moved to Oakboro. The village teacher went, the village preacher and one of the churches moved, Oakboro applied for and was given a post office. This however, did not at once discontinue the Big Lick office, but several days ago the postmaster, through failure of the Big Lick office to pay for the trouble, resigned and the Big Lick office, which had been in existence for 75 years was discontinued. Thus the passing of a once thriving village from the ring of laughter and shouts of youth to, it looks like, the "big lick" of wild animals and the home of owls and bats, for

"Have we not seen at pleasure's lordly call The smiling long frequented village all?"

But it may be in the near future that Big Lick will far exceed her past glory, for Oakboro, which caused her downfall, is situated less than two miles east of that lovely village site, and has already shown her tendency, as seems to have been the case in the experience of most cities and towns, to grow westward and already has stretched herself for three-quarters of a mile up toward Big Lick. Therefore, as Big Lick is much higher and a more beautiful place for residences, she may yet come to life and become the resident section of Big Lick and "As a hare whom the hounds and horns pursue, Pants to the place from whence at first he flew, Still have hopes, their long vexations past, Here to return--and die at home at last."

**Southern Lets Contract For More Double Track.**

The Southern Railway has let contracts for double tracking for 36 miles between Concord and Greenville, S. C.

**Tags for over 700 dogs have been issued in Greensboro. The license is \$1.00 a head.**