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## RAILROAD MAN ANSWERS WATTS

### Statements Made in Waynesville Speech Declared to be Misleading

Replying to remarks made by commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts in his speech to the superior court clerks at Waynesville on July 6, the following statement has been issued by Murray R. Hubbard, of Atlanta, tax commissioner for the Southern Railway Company.

"If the reports of a speech made at Waynesville by Hon. A. D. Watts commissioner of revenue, which appeared in the North Carolina newspapers of July 7 are accurate, this speech contained statements which are misleading and, speaking for the Southern Railway Company, these facts are presented.

"The Southern Railway Company in 1920 paid total taxes to the counties, cities, municipalities, road districts, etc., in North Carolina in the sum of \$652,900.49. In 1921, under the stipulation with the State, it has already paid to the counties municipalities, etc., the sum of \$714,877.97.

"This railway is contesting an increase in its assessment which would require it to pay an additional sum in ad valorem taxes totaling \$432,531.00. In that case it was shown that in practically all of the counties in the state land, other than railway land, was horizontally reduced from ten to fifty per cent, and there were increases in tax rates in all but two of the counties through which this railroad runs ranging from 12 1/4 to 84 cents per hundred dollars. The commissioner of Revenue says that the reduction in valuation of other real estate was due to depreciated values brought about by the heavy slump in the prices of products of the farm. We found no fault with the only asked similar treatment for the railroads, which were not making money any more than was the farmer. This the Commissioner declined to give and, due to the increase in tax rates, we were asked to pay, as a matter, a greatly increased amount in actual taxes.

"According to the news item the Commissioner also said:

"These four railroads have not paid one cent so far to the support of the State Government for the year 1921, to say nothing of 1921."

"This is true if confined to the state as distinguished from its subdivisions but the Commissioner should have stated that the reason is that the state has chosen to collect revenues for its support from incomes and franchise taxes and now collects no ad valorem tax from anyone. The ground which the Southern Railway declined to pay the franchise tax, as set up in the contest pending in the courts, is because of the over-assessment of its property upon which the franchise tax is based. In 1919 the franchise tax of the Southern Railway was \$10,932.00; in 1921 it was \$96,206.00.

"The state averred in its answer to the bill filed by Southern Railway Company that the Southern's property was assessed at its true value. The affidavits on file in the case show that other property generally in the state, taken from an examination of every deed filed from January 1, 1921, to June 30, 1921, showed an average of assessed value to deed value of 66.58 per cent. It does not look fair to assess railroad property at 100 per cent and other property at 66.58 per cent.

"The reason for not paying the income tax is that other income taxpayers were allowed to deduct interest on borrowed money and this company was not permitted to do that. Furthermore, it was not allowed to deduct rent it paid for locomotives and in other particulars it was discriminated against. In short, this company felt that it was discriminated against in being taxed on a sum which was not net income but included a part of gross income, hence the Southern Railway availed itself of the right given it under the North Carolina law to enjoin the collection of an illegal tax, having tendered the tax due on its net income.

"The North Carolina Constitution New York the same day. The yacht was taken to New Bern where she

## DOUBLE PRICES PAID FOR WOOL

Two wool classers together with two other men, representing the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the N. C. Department were in town buying wool from the Carteret County farmers for the wool manufacturing companies of the state last Friday.

The highest that the farmers had been offered by other agencies was 18 cents per pound. Friday they received as high as 36 cents and excepting ten pounds of wool the lowest price paid was 23 cents.

This sale was made possible thru the work of Mr. A. L. Guthrie of Marshallberg who went through the county with County Demonstration Agent A. H. Harris and influenced the farmers to bring their wool to Beaufort on the date set.

The men did the grading and buying were as follows:

George T. Willingmyre of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, and in charge of the wool work of the country.

Sam T. Greenwood, of the same department and city wool classer.

V. W. Lewis, Specialist with the Division of Markets at Raleigh and of the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

George Evans, wool classer of the same department in the office of sheep extension Raleigh.

These men make no profit out of the sales and were down only through government interest in sheep farming. They have visited a number of the counties of the state doing this work and came here for their last stop.

Except for the rain the sale would have been held earlier but for all that the number of sheep owners who came to Beaufort were well pleased with the results and Mr. Guthrie predicts that if no hindrance is met with that there should be as much as five thousand pounds of wool sold from this county next year.

There about one hundred twenty five sheep owners in Carteret county and thousands of sheep. Before this time the wool had been sold to middlemen who reaped a nice little sum before the wool finally reached the manufacturers. Under the sale system employed Friday the wool was sold direct from the farmer to the manufacturer and no one received the usual commission.

## MONEY TO LOAN.

We are now receiving applications for our September allotment of money from the Federal Land Bank. These loans are made for period of thirty three years, but may be retired at the expiration of five years. Interest only 5 1/2 per cent per annum. Loans can be made to actual farmers only. If interested see W. L. Stancil, Sec'y-Treas. Carteret County National Farm Loan Association. Aug. 3.

## FISH ELUDING FACTORIES.

The fish boat Convoy of the Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Company came into the harbor Tuesday loaded with sixty thousand fat backs which although less than half the Convoy's capacity was one of the biggest catches in the past month. Fish are not over plentiful this year and though the season has been open for some time very few have been caught.

The Beaufort Fish Scrap and Oil Company last year used twenty million fish in making fertilizer and oil has not yet opened up and will remain closed until the fall as it did last year. A number of improvements have been made in the plant since the previous season. The boilers are now being bricked in and oil tanks being set up a whole new outfit of wooden tanks being installed.

The fish factory of Mr. C. P. Day has opened but is getting very few fish. This factory recently built the Sarah Davenport. A A pleasure boat now being used by Mr. Day.

## SEA SCAMP SOLD.

The auxiliary yacht Sea Scamp, recently floated by the aid of two Beaufort fish boats belonging to Mr. W. B. Blades was sold to Mr. W. B. Blades Jr. of New Bern last Monday by the owners who came down from New York the same day. The yacht

## BANKERS WILL MEET HERE SOON

### Plans are Being Made to Entertain Group 3 Bankers' Association

The bankers are coming to Beaufort on August the 9th and preparations are being made by the local committee to make their stay here an enjoyable one. It is hoped that the town will make an impression upon them that will be both pleasant and lasting. A sail to the beach and a dinner will be given them and if there is time they will probably be taken on auto drives around Beaufort and vicinity. Chairman U. E. Swann is making every effort to get a good attendance of the bankers and has recently sent them a letter urging them to come. Mr. Swann's letter reads as follows:

Beaufort, N. C.

"Dear Sir:

You have, no doubt, already received a letter from Secretary Henderson urging you to attend a special meeting of the bankers of Group 3, to be held at Beaufort August 9th. This letter is to remind you that we are certainly expecting you or some one from your bank. Just make up your mind right now to get away from the desk a day or two and join us at the sea shore. The hotels may be crowded but, if so, we will take you in our homes.

Wednesday afternoon and night, August 9th is the time. Beaufort is the place. Don't Forget. Come!

As hotel accommodations may be limited, write or wire Mr. J. A. Hornaday Jr., so he may hear from you not later than Monday the 7th. If will do this we will guarantee you a place to sleep. The local banks and the Town of Beaufort will serve a light dinner on the beach at 8 o'clock after which the business session will be concluded. The program has not yet been completed, but Mr. Alan T. Bowler, State Secretary, will be with us with a suggested program for the Groups. There will also be a number of short to the point—talks by practical bankers on different phases of the bank work.

There are several important matters to be considered by the Group and we hope this may prove to be very profitable meeting. The other Groups of the State are becoming active. Let's make Group 3 the banner group. We cannot do this without your co-operation. If you have anything in mind that might, be of any help to the Group, tell us about it.

Do not forget to make your reservations as early as possible, not later than the 7th. The water is fine, so are the breezes. Come.

Very truly yours,  
U. E. SWANN,  
Chairman.  
Group 3, N. C. Bankers Association

## WATER MEET.

Representatives of the two patrols being formed in the Boy Scout Troop here met last Friday afternoon and fought out a contest in swimming, and diving to a 35 to 39 score in points.

The meet was held in front of the Inlet Hotel and was won by the patrol of which Ben Jones is patrol leader, the losing patrol being that under the command of Charles Skarren.

The patrols were awarded to the two patrols as follows:

Patrols	Jones	Sk'n
100 yard dash	6	5
50 yard dash	5	3
Distance swimming under water	5	6
Time swim under water	7	4
Neat dive	7	4
Fade away dive	5	6
Falling dive	4	7
	39	35

Reverends H. A. Day and Caaven were judges of the contests.

was put on the ways and where she will be repaired and put in first class order. Mr. Blades will use the boat as a pleasure yacht.

Mr. Thomas Garner of Newport arrived in Beaufort Tuesday night to visit at the home of his sister Mrs. Claud Whentley.

## BUREAU REPORTS ON PROHIBITION

### Bureau Completely Reorganized and Placed Under Control of Efficient Officials

WASHINGTON.—Reviewing informally the past fiscal year, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes invites attention to the fact that less than 3,000,000 gallons of whiskey were withdrawn as compared with 9,696,122 gallons the previous year, and less than 17,000,000 gallons of alcohol and other distilled spirits withdrawn as compared with 24,856,388 gallons the previous year; that the withdrawn as compared with 9,696,122 gallons the previous year, and less than 17,000,000 gallons of alcohol and other distilled spirits withdrawn as compared with 24,856,388 gallons the previous year; that the withdrawn as compared with 9,696,122 gallons the previous year, and less than 17,000,000 gallons of alcohol and other distilled spirits withdrawn as compared with 24,856,388 gallons the previous year.

Nearly 3,000 cases were reported by general prohibition agents, and fines amounting to \$2,159,410 were imposed by federal courts. Three and one-half million dollars worth of bonds placed in suit or proceedings begun. Reductions in rentals and disposition of seized property amounting to \$208,832 were effected and in additional saving of \$156,900 otherwise effected. Under the narcotic laws over 2,200 violations were exposed, resulting in fully 75 per cent convictions and approximately \$70,000 in fines. Sentences in both prohibition and narcotic cases were uniformly much more severe.

Important changes took place. A year ago the plan was adopted to have general prohibition agents work directly under the central office. At that time the force was less than twenty-five men. E. C. Yellowley, a veteran of the internal revenue bureau took charge, selecting experienced men and by late fall had thirty employed on the force. They rendered such excellent service that it was deemed advisable to continue increasing it from time to time, as conditions warranted.

April 1, the country was divided into eighteen divisions, and an officer known as divisional chief was placed in charge of each division, with suitable quarters and equipment stenographic and clerical assistance necessary to carry on the work.

At the present time the force comprises three hundred, and reports coming from the field show that the establishment of the divisions has been justified in every respect.

The office of the chief, general prohibition agents, in the beginning consisted of one clerk. At the present time twenty-six clerks are necessary. In addition to these cases, a large number of special investigations of permit holders have been made, also certain other special investigations relative to the conditions in the various parts of the country, which were covered by special reports not included in the list of reports of violations.

The work of the general agents force cannot be entirely gauged by the number of reports rendered covering violations, since there are investigations covering no violations.

A special legal group now prepares all criminal information indictments, injunctions, labels and search warrants.

Director and divisional chiefs report promptly to the central office all cases made by agents working under their supervision, which in turn are sent to the Department of Justice for supervision and preparation for speedy trial.

Applications to operate as wholesale druggists are now doubly checked and reports of state inspectors are verified by reinspection.

Manufacturers and wholesale dealers are required to give a monthly accountability of all drugs received, manufactured and sold.

Forgery-proof non-transferable permits forms effectually prevent fraudulent withdrawals.

Legislation has given the commissioners authority to concentrate into a smaller number of warehouses all distilled spirits, affecting a large saving in money and mitigating losses from sources other than withdrawal under permit.

Submarine chasers and speedy motor boats have been added to the equipment, also an aeroplane service.

Reverend and Mrs. J. A. Hornaday and Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and child who have been visiting at

## BEAUFORT WINS THRILLING GAME

While the Beaufort band played and the docks were filled with people the Beaufort Baseball nine returned as heroes. Morehead City was defeated.

After a week of defeats at the hands of the rival Morehead City team the Beaufort nine came back strong yesterday in the prettiest game of the season and noed out from under the twelfth inning with a 3 to 2 victory. The contest was a hard fought pitchers battle with Strickland of Beaufort slightly better than th hard working Smith who had pitched eight innings of the Tuesday game.

Strickland allowed but four hits in the whole twelve innings and Smith bue seven. Smith counted twenty three strikeouts and Strickland fourteen.

Neither of the teams had much chance t odd fielding of any kind but what did come their way was handled nicely each side making but one error.

Camp of Beaufort was the star of the game when it came to wielding the stick. Out of four times at the bat he secured three hits one of which was turned into a run.

Calvert of Morehead City also did some good work with the bat getting a homer and a two bagger out of five times up. But the hit that made it two to nothing defeat in a three to two victory was the homer of Coward. Camp was on base and the hit allowed the two race home.

The winning run came in the first of the twelfth. After two men had been put out Lapsley hit the ball to first and reached there on an error on the part of the baseman. Strickland was walked and Pumphrey the next man up knocked a hot liner just above second base, and Lapsley scored.

Batteries were: Strickland and Pumphrey for Beaufort and Smith and Thornton for Morehead City.

With the exception of Tuesday's game the week's games belong to the Beaufort club. An account is not printed of these games because of lack of space and detailed score records.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE CONTEST.

The Epworth League contest which has been going on for the past several weeks came to an end last Thursday night with a victory in the hands of the white side. The golds having secured 58 new members.

And thus the whites won the sail to the beach Monday night which the golds had to pay for.

Two boat loads of young men and women left the county dock at about five that afternoon ably chaperoned. It was after six when they landed at the beach. A large part of the party immediately made for the bath houses and soon the surf was filled with them.

After a good long bath the boxes of lunch were taken out and supper served on the wooden benches in the pavilion.

The sail had been planned to last until nine o'clock but it was ten before the Epworth Leaguers were ready to return.

For weeks the two sides in the contest had worked hard and the Thursday before the end the two had been exactly even with forty ne members gained on each side.

Here's hoping the Epworth League will be as successful in all things as it has been in securing members.

## TO THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

We want to call your attention to the fact that he season for sowing fall clovers and other legumes is rapidly approaching. You will remember that this Department is offering the farmers of the state nitro-cultures for their legume crops and pulverized limestones for agricultural purposes at cost of production. At present the prices of nitro-cultures is 50 cents per acre and the price of limestone is \$2.00 per ton bulk, f. o. b. the plant, Bridgeport, Tenn.

Yours very truly,  
W. A. Graham Commis.

Miss Lena Duncan left Tuesday for New Bern where she spent the day.

## FIREMEN MEET IN MOREHEAD CITY

### Large Attendance from All Parts of State Take Part in Tournament

The thirty fourth annual convention and tournament of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association is being held in Morehead City ends to day. Since Monday crowds have lined the banner strung streets and all Morehead has been gay with attripes and stars of Old Glory.

Firemen from all over the State have swarmed into the city and swelled their number to over five hundred. Even distant Asheville sent a large delegation. Concord ranks as one of the places with a large delegation having sent twenty five representatives.

A good number of the firemen came by rail but almost as many reached their destination by travelling via automobile. The Atlantic and Woodland hotels found room for many while others found places in the private homes.

The beach has called many of them and surf bathing has been popular. Yesterday all fire men who wished them were given a complimentary tickets across to the beach.

Tuesday th business of the association and the speeches held away, Durham was chosen as the town where the next convention will be held and a vote of thanks was extendd to Morehead City for the splendid reception accorded the association this year.

Officers who had served through the previous year were unanimously reelected to fill their same positions during the coming year. They were as follows:

President, emeritus, J. D. McNeil, Fayetteville. President, J. H. Wood Asheville. First Vice-President, J. L. Foster, Chapel Hill. Second Vice-President, C. D. Farmer, Raleigh. Third Vice-President, E. E. Bain, Greensboro Secretary, John H. Miller, Concord. Treasure, Chas. Schniben, Wilmington. Statician, R. E. Curries, Black Mountain.

oward the end of the program the firemen in the hall rose for a moment in honor of those who had died during the past year. The session ended with a song by J. Bennett of Sanford which was enjoyed by all.

Today is the last day of the firemen's tournament. The firemen companies by the time this paper is issued will likely have fought the contests to a finish and the lucky teams will be counting the twelve prizes which taken together amounting to nine hundred dollars.

A large grandstand has been erected on Main street just on the south side of the railroad where the audience which was to view the races seated. The North side of the street was used as the race way. Afternoons the teams have been practicing and the grandstand has been used by those who wished to watch.

The prizes are divided into four sets of three each being awarded to the twelve teams who win first second or third place in one of the four contests first prizes ore of a hundred dollars each. Second prizes seventy-five and third prizes fifty dollars.

## CUTS OFF PART OF THUMB.

Mr. John Jones lost the end of his right thumb last Saturday night when he accidentally allowed it to get too near his turning knife of the machine which he was slicing a boiled ham. Mr. Jones was in the back part of the store when the accident occurred and threw the severed bit of flesh on the floor. He then went in search of a doctor, while Paul Jones, his brother picked up the bit of flesh and started after him.

Dr. Swindell was found in his office and sewed the two parts of the finger together. Mr. Jones is wearing a bandage now and it is not yet known whether or not the thumb can be saved.

Mr. Victor Young of Durham who is stationed with the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Glenn during the encampment visited at the home of Dabney White Monday and Tuesday.