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LET COUNTIES HAVE GAS TAX

One Cent On Gallon Would Be Allowed Them Under Bill To Be Introduced In Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—A bill to provide that one or one and half cents of the four-cents-per-gallon state tax on gasoline be divided equally among the 100 counties in the state to help the counties take care of county road bonds and to build county roads will be introduced in the State Senate by Senator J. C. Ray, of Hillsboro. Gas and license plate tax create a surplus in paying interest and retiring this state highway bonds and this surplus could be used to splendid advantage by the counties on their road systems. The roads are planned to serve the citizens of the state and many residents of rural sections get little advantage, except when they have to make trips on one of the state system roads. Mr. Ray states, saying that his plan would come nearer serving the entire citizenship. Probably a million to a million and half dollars would thus be for distribution, meaning from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year for each county. This would increase with the proportionate increase in gasoline consumption, it is pointed out. Many of the counties, with this help, could either lower their tax rates or add 10 or 15 miles of good sand-clay road each year it is figured.

Duke Estate Worth \$89,704,859

Scmerville, N. J., Jan. 4.—The first account of the state of James B. Duke, tobacco manufacturer, was filed today with Somerset county Surrogate Calvin McMurtrey.

The original inventory of the estate, made at the time of the death of millionaire, showed his holdings were \$86,309,140.22. This with the amount since accrued, brings the total to \$89,704,859.60.

The amount of expenditures since the death of Mr. Duke on October 10, 1925, was \$9,957,710.92 for general expenses. This with the amount paid out in legacies and creation of trusts, makes a total of \$36,233,086.90, leaving a balance of \$53,451,778.76.

The list of expenditures shows an item of \$6,560,081.53, paid as federal inheritance tax. The state inheritance tax was \$2,581,366.57. Somerset county is entitled to five per cent of the state inheritance tax. The surrogate's fees are expected to be approximately \$89,000. Final adjustment of this fee lies within the discretion of the court.

James B. Duke maintained in Somerset county an elaborate and costly estate. It covers 20,000 acres and has within its boundaries 35 miles of paved roads, beautiful stately and expensive landscape effects.

This beautiful estate was left by the terms of the will to Doris Duke, now 15. She and Mrs. Duke spend a little time in the mansion, but make no pretense of maintaining it in the grand fashion affected by the tobacco man.

How To Make Fortune; Plant Black Walnuts

Washington, Jan. 4.—Planting a bushel of black walnuts this fall the agriculture department declared would make a good investment for farmers in upland and hill sections of the South.

Walnut, one of the finest cabinet woods known, is worth about \$200 a thousand feet and a bushel of nuts, of which there is a large crop this year, numbers about 1,500. Planted in idle corners, waste strips and along fence rows, a bushel in time should return a huge profit.

OUR GIRLS PAINT TOO MUCH

Proteins and Daily Dozens Put North Sisters In Lead For Pulchritude, Y. W. C. A. Leader Says.

Charlotte, Jan. 10.—The ancient time-honored theory that the South and time-honored theory that the South is the home of feminine pulchritude is a myth.

No more the bluen of natural charm suffuses the cheeks of our girls. No more the traditional allurements of shy reserve can coax the chivalry of the nation to their feet. The Broadway girl has stolen her stuff.

Miss Lucy Adams, of New York, health education secretary of the national Y. W. C. A. and one in a position to know, is the source of this heresy.

Miss Adams, who left for New York last night shortly after evincing her opinions, blames the preference of the southern girl for the compact over the protein for the limbo into which her far-famed beauty has been relegated.

Northern girls, flappers and all, possess a naive beauty that stands out in sharp contrast to the rouged and lipstick faces of the southern girl. And far greater care in her diet is shown by the Yankee girl.

Those who eat in cafeterias choose their food carefully, as a general rule, eating only that which contains a certain number of proteins. Their diet is carefully regulated.

"The average northern girl could not last the afternoon on a lunch consisting of a chocolate milkshake and a sandwich," Miss Adams said. Cosmetics are used sparingly in the north. They are not needed, Miss Adams says.

"New York girls show a greater interest in athletics than the ones in the south," she said.

"That probably accounts for one of the reasons cosmetics are not needed. The climate of the north, while extremely cold at times, is not the damp, penetrating kind. And it doesn't vary so much, either," she added.

NIGHT LIFE.

Night life, with Broadway and a thousand and one night clubs offering diversification, is taken as a natural course by the young people.

"But," said Miss Adams, "the very fact that girls adhere to a careful diet and take an interest in gymnastic exercises offset any damage done by late hours."

She added that the majority of southern girls were lax in their exercise.

"Of course, gymnasium training hasn't been here so long as it has in the north. That's probably responsible for a part of the laxity shown in physical training in the south."

Postal Receipts Show "Biggest" Christmas

Washington, Jan. 4.—Santa Claus messenger, Uncle Sam, raked in a neat bit of money for his services this Christmas. The exact amount he has not had time to calculate, but his workers estimate the American public paid approximately \$18,000,000 to the postal service for handling gifts and greetings.

Total postal receipts for December are estimated at about \$69,000,000 while the average monthly receipts for the year prior to December were about \$51,000,000. The increase in revenues for December represent roughly the cost of carrying Christmas gifts and greetings.

The German process of Bergius, whereby sugar is manufactured from sawdust, has been patented in the United States.

Synthetic jewels are used in about 90 per cent of the watches now being manufactured.

PHONE SERVICE IS ASSURED

Danbury and Walnut Cove To Have Wire Connection Within Next Few Days As Result of Stockholders Meeting Saturday.

If weather conditions are not too severe Danbury and Walnut Cove will have telephone connection established once more within the next few days, likely next week or earlier.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Town Fork Telephone Co. held at Walnut Cove Saturday it was definitely decided to rebuild the telephone line between Danbury and Walnut Cove at once, and Messrs. H. H. Davis and H. G. Tuttle were directed to have the work done. The placing of new poles has already been started.

This will be good news to citizens of both places, as the telephone has become almost an absolute necessity between these Stokes towns.

WEED AVERAGES \$24.52 TO DATE

Light Sales On Winston Market Last Week With Prices About Like Before Holidays.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 8.—Sales on this tobacco market during the past week brought the season's total to 39,235,078 pounds which sold for \$9,623,137.90, or an average of 24.52 a hundred.

Sales during the past week totaled 724,882 pounds, and brought \$14,750.51, which was an average of \$19.83 a hundred pounds.

Only 184,316 pounds of the weed were sold yesterday, netting \$37,929.38, or an average price of \$20.57 a hundred pounds.

During the past week the price on all grades of tobacco has been good. The low average, for the past week, was caused by the great amount of common tobacco that has come upon the market. Much dark tobacco, similar to "sun cured" tobacco has been in evidence all the week and very few of the more desirable grades have been sold.

VIOLENT DEATHS SHOW DECLINE

16 During Past Week In State; Weekly Average In 1926 Was 25.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—Violent deaths in North Carolina continue to decline.

There were only 16 fatalities in the State during the past week as compared with the usual 25 reported for an average week of 1926.

Half of these fatalities—seven—were caused by automobiles. Five were listed as homicides. Two engineers were killed in a railroad accident near Winston-Salem. One woman was burned to death and a man was killed at a sawmill.

Party at Pinnacle

Pinnacle R. 2, Jan. 1.—A party was held at the Sheppard residence Saturday evening, Jan. 8th, beginning at 7:30 and lasted until late hours. The music was furnished by the Whit String Band from Mt. Airy. Among those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Garlen Denny, Mr. Luke Gordon, Miss Martha Rutledge, Mr. C. Boyles, Miss Effie Turpin, Mr. Harvey Cook, Miss Jennie Lynch, Mr. Reid Tilley, Miss Esther Wilson, Mr. Tom Covington, Miss Easley Hauser, Mr. Otis Mitchell, Miss Pauline Hauser, Mr. G. L. Owens, Mr. Lester Owens, Mrs. J. P. Lawson and family, Misses Beatrice and Beulah Pell, Mr. Sam Rutledge, Messrs. Carl and Howard Marion Frye, Messrs. Roy, Ralph Wilson, Miss Leona Combs, Mr. Porter McGee and others.

ROAD BOARD TO PAY UP

Secretary Bailey, of the Board, Thinks All Accounts Can Be Paid After Next Meeting of Commission.

The following letter received this week from Secretary B. P. Bailey, of the Stokes County Highway Commission, will probably be of interest to some of our readers, and we are taking the liberty to publish it:

Walnut Cove, N. C. Jan. 11. Danbury Reporter, Danbury, N. C.

Dear sirs:

Lots of parties are asking me at different times about when the road board is going to pay them, and as there are possibly others that would like to know, I want you to state through the columns of your paper that I have mailed out checks for about all past due accounts, and those that have not been mailed will be sent out right after our next meeting.

All parties that have done any work for the county will also be paid up by the first of next month.

Our expenses have been much smaller this year than last as you can see when I send you the yearly report to be published which will be inside of a week or so.

If we can hold our expenses down to where they have been for the last two months I am sure that we can pay all bills on the first of each month, and not have to hold anyone off.

Thanking you, I am
Yours Respectfully,
B. P. BAILEY, Secretary
Stokes Highway Commission.

DOGS GIVING FORSYTH TROUBLE

County Commissioners Make Order That Record Be Kept of All Dog Tax License Numbers in Order that Owners May Be Located.

Forsyth county as well as Stokes appears to be having trouble with her dogs. The news item below gives some idea of how the county is being called upon to pay damages done by dogs:

Winston-Salem, Jan. 7.—The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, in session on Friday, were much concerned over the increase in rabid dogs thruout the county, many reports being made of damage done by affected dogs.

In addition to refunds to citizens who have taken the rabies treatment, a large sum is due Tom Murphy for damages on his goat farm north of the city. Dogs, it is alleged, make nightly raids on his place, causing much loss. A jury will be appointed by the commissioners to determine the amount of damage done by dogs, the jury also to try and locate the owners of the canines.

The commissioners passed an order that a record of every dog tax license number be kept at the court house so that a check can be made as to ownership when dogs run amuck in the county.

Stokes Citizens Make Good Tobacco Sales

Some Stokes farmers who have made good tobacco sales since the holidays are as follows:

W. M. Nelson, 176 pounds at 43 cents, 190 at 38, 60 at 40, 120 at 52.
Tom Flinchum, 190 pounds at 33 cents, 206 at 36, 84 at 35, 16 at 40.
J. M. Brown, 190 pounds at 33 cents, 144 at 52.

J. E. Smith, 164 pounds at 33 cents, 114 at 35, 146 at 35, 156 at 56.
Rady Bennett, 114 pounds at 44 cents, 244 at 49.
Cecil Slate, 292 pounds at 34 cents, 86 at 38.

WALNUT COVE TO HAVE PARK

Will Be Developed At Point On River Near Town—Other News and Personals.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 12.—Preparation is underway here for the establishment of a recreation park and bathing beach at the new concrete bridge at Hairston's Ford on Dan river. Work is expected to start on the development in the early spring, and the place will undoubtedly be made an attractive one, easily and quickly reached from nearby towns over paved roads. The venture will be promoted by Walnut Cove citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Reirson, Misses Claud and Stell Rierison and Herbert Rierison spent a few days at Charlotte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield, Miss Nina Morefield and Mr. Hassell Morefield have returned from a visit to Florida.

Walnut Cove was visited by a seven inch snow this week. Thermometers here registered two degrees below zero on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Nannie Fulton left yesterday for Leesburg, Florida, to visit her brother, Frank Webster. Mr. Webster, who is a native of Stokes, is president of the Leesburg bank and also operates several orange groves.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughn.

P. W. Davis has resumed his former position as agent for the A. & Y. railway company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tuttle have taken rooms at the home of Mrs. John Burton for the winter for the convenience of their children, who are attending school here.

Bill Fulton and Miss Mary Francis Davis spent the week end with friends at Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Amanda Martin, of Madison, was a recent guest of Mrs. A. T. Rothrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Tuttle have returned from their bridal trip and are now at home to their many friends. Mrs. Tuttle was formerly Miss Sadie Harrell, of Pilot Mt., while Mr. Tuttle is manager of the cafe here.

Geo. H. Fulton, of the Walnut Cove Motor Co., attended the automobile show in New York this week. Mrs. Fulton and children visited relatives at Elkin while he was away.

Mr. Ferguson, who has been pharmacist for the Burton Drug Co., for some time past, has resigned and returned to his home at Randleman. Nat Pepper has accepted a position with the Drug store.

Slick Hartman, one of the popular surveyors on the Walnut Cove-Danbury road, has been transferred to Yadkinville.

New Baptist Church Here This Year

Rev. O. E. Ward, pastor of the Walnut Cove Baptist church, preached at the Presbyterian church in Danbury Sunday afternoon.

The Presbyterian church here is being used by the newly organized Baptist congregation until a house of worship can be provided.

It is learned that a new church will likely be erected here by the Missionary Baptists this year. They have owned a nice lot here for a number of years.

Officer P. L. Flinchum Goes To Newbern

Prohibition Agent Posey L. Flinchum, of Danbury, has been transferred by the department to Newbern, and he left the past week to enter on his duties. Mr. Flinchum's family will remain here for the present.

It is not known who will take Mr. Flinchum's place here.

AUTO ACCIDENT OCCURS AT KING

Mrs. Roy Snider Hurt By Fall—Church Meeting Held—J. R. Caudle Improving—Personals.

King, Jan. 10.—A very interesting meeting of the King Moravian church was held at the home of Mrs. S. H. Brown Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6th, with Mrs. Brown and Miss Lillie Goff as joint hostesses. The meeting was opened with singing, "Come Thou Almighty King," followed by the Daily Text, the Lord's Prayer and reading the twenty-seventh Psalm, responsively. The minutes of the former meeting were read by Mrs. Brown, secretary, and the offering taken, amounting to \$9.86. 12 members were present. After a short program the present officers were all re-elected, Mrs. S. W. Pulliam, president; Mrs. H. H. Lenke, vice-president; Mrs. S. H. Brown, secretary and treasurer, Miss Lillie Goff, corresponding secretary. The society will meet with Mrs. Grady E. Stone on west Main street next month. "Faith of Our Fathers" was used as the closing hymn. During the social half hour the hostesses, assisted by Miss Louise Brown served a salad course, fruits, cake, coffee and apples.

Ollie Southern and Ray Harrison, of the Flat Shoals section, turned their Ford over on the road near Capella Sunday evening. Southern's arm was broken and Harrison sustained a bad cut on his head which required several stitches to sew up. The Ford was used up considerable. The wreck was caused by a tire bursting as they rounded a curve in the road. The injured parties were brought to the King Drug Company where doctors Stone and Helsabeck dressed their wounds and reset the broken arm.

Mrs. Roy Snider fell at her home near here Friday, breaking both bones in her leg. Dr. G. E. Stone re-set the broken member. She is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Attorney N. O. Petree, of Danbury, was here Saturday attending to some legal matters.

Banks Turner, who holds a position at Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his family in Woodland Heights.

The brick work on J. W. Tuttle's new building on east Main street is about completed and the interior work will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

Rev. Paul H. Newsom, of this place, filled his regular appointment at Indian Grove, near Mount Airy Sunday.

Ray Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Colley, of Rural Hall, were among the visitors here Sunday.

E. L. Kiser, of Rural Hall, was a business visitor here Saturday.

A. S. Francis is preparing to erect a new home on the same old site in Pilot View, where his home was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

C. W. Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents on Main street.

James R. Caudle, who has been very sick at his home in Walnut Hills for some time, is much improved his many friends will be glad to learn.

Fiddlers' Convention At Flat Rock School

There will be an old time fiddlers' convention at Flat Rock school building, Saturday night, Jan. 22nd. The very best musicians will be there. Charleston contest, clog dancing. Prizes offered. Keep the New Year going with a good time. Come everybody. Admission 25. Proceeds for school.