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SHORT COURSE FOR COUNTY AUDITORS

Instruction To Be Given Them In the Work of Handling the Finances of the Counties of North Carolina.

Raleigh, June 13.—Something new in the way of a short course will be held in July at State College, Raleigh, when the county auditors and accountants in the various counties of the State will be offered special courses.

This county government institute, as it will be called, was suggested to the County Government Advisory Commission at their meeting in Raleigh, Friday, by Dr. E. C. Brooks, who is chairman of the commission, as well as president of State College. The commission adopted the plan and left the particulars and date to be worked out by Dr. Brooks, who promised to make public full details at an early date.

The Commission at the time also ordered prepared sample bookkeeping forms to be furnished the counties and recommended to their use in order to secure efficiency and uniformity in the matter of handling all the money of the county.

The new laws are being well received, but slowly introduced, according to the report made by the Executive Secretary, Chas. M. Johnson. Mr. Johnson's report was based on personal visits by him or his assistants to twenty-two counties. The delays are due to difficulty in getting the items of past expenditures from the old records and the time required for the necessary understanding of the new laws before making the changes. The officials were reported as all trying to cooperate.

Change in Price of Auto Tags Confuses

Raleigh, June 8.—The automobile public was reminded by Revenue Commissioner Doughton again today that the price of a new half year automobile license tag is one half of the price paid last year plus a quarter.

Confusion incident to the sale of the half year plates has led to a wholesale flock of remittances for incorrect amounts.

Licenses for automobiles of less than 25 horsepower will cost \$6.50, of more than 25 and less than 30 horsepower \$10.25; of more than 30 and less than 35 horsepower \$15.25 and of 35 horsepower or more \$20.25.

Can Buy Candy But No Meat On The Sabbath

Asheville, June 9.—On a Sunday one may buy of candy and of soft drink, but one may not buy of meat. So says the law of North Carolina. In police court recently eight defendants appeared to answer to charges of violating the law by selling meat on the last Sabbath. Some of them pleaded not guilty; some of them pleaded guilty; all of them were fined \$10 and the costs by Acting Judge Sullivan.

Jess Rhodes, of Beaver Island township, was here Monday. Mr. Rhodes says farmers will begin cutting wheat in his section this week.

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MAKING PROGRESS ON STOKES ROAD

Paving Completed Between Walnut Cove and Meadows Saturday—Three Miles More Will Finish Road To Danbury.

Contractor Martin completed last Saturday the paving on that section of the Danbury-Walnut Cove road which lies between Meadows and Walnut Cove. He now has only three and one-fifth miles to pour between Danbury and Meadows, and it is expected that this will require only about four or five weeks.

Paving will now begin at the Danbury end of the road, and surveyors began staking off the road here Monday. It will take a few days for the road forces to get their machinery here, after which work will start from this end.

Former Dry Officer Given Prison Term

Winston-Salem, June 7.—A. A. Hege, former prohibition enforcement officer, was today in Superior court sentenced to serve not less than 18 months nor more than two years in the state prison, after a jury had convicted him on a liquor charge. The sentence was imposed by Emergency Judge Clayton Moore.

Hege was indicted on five counts, receiving, purchasing, having for the purpose of sale and transporting liquor. The jury convicted him of possessing.

The former dry officer was arrested several weeks ago when county and city officers raided his home near the city and captured about five gallons of liquor, buried in a casement in the basement.

The defendant today appealed to the Supreme court, and a bond of \$3,000 was named.

Miss Fowler, of King, Honored By Mrs. Hall

King, June 13.—Miss Pauline Fowler was honored at a lovely party Thursday evening when Mrs. R. Hall entertained. The home was decorated with beautiful flowers. Games were played on the lawn after which the guests were invited into the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Fowler had as her guests, Misses Mildred and Ruby Stone, Stella and Ruby Waller, Clara Forrest, all of Perch; Edith Bennett, Beulah and Edith Jones, Moneda and Josephine Slate, Bernice Tuttle, Gladys Bennett, Lillian Boyles, of Capella; Irma Stone, of Pinnacle; Ella and Daisy Boyles, of King; Messrs. Boyd and Loyd Ferguson, Carlis and Wiley Jones, Clyde, Lester and Raymond Boyles, Jack Bennett, Odell Palmer, Sam Coleman and Joe Roberson, Bonnie Hall, Clyde Bennett, of Capella; William and Wesley Fowler, Robt. Barber, Alton Brown, Willie Forrest, Dallas Collins, Ray Waller, Holt Stone, of Perch; Albert Stone, Wilber Lane, of Pinnacle; Fount Smith, of King Route 2; Mr. and Mrs. Bernice McCain, of Perch; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyles, of Capella.

Mrs. J. Frank Dunlap and daughter, Mrs. B. D. Gentry spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

CAROLINA CROP PROSPECT GOOD

Drought In Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Part of Texas Cuts Production Forecast.

Washington, June 8.—Summary of crop conditions issued by the department of agriculture today says that droughty conditions have been temporarily relieved in some parts of the southeast and the southwest, but others are still dry.

Beneficial rains occurred in much of the eastern and western portions of the cotton belt, while temperatures were uniformly favorable wherever moisture was sufficient. It continued too dry, however, in most east gulf districts and in parts of western Texas.

Conditions by States: North Carolina—Corn and tobacco fine growth. Cotton condition very good except fair in small areas.

South Carolina—All crops made excellent growth. Progress and condition of cotton excellent.

Georgia—Drought still severe over much of state, especially in southwest. Condition of early planted cotton only fair; in south growth was poor; late planted rather poor.

A Friendly Criticism.

"Breathes there's a man with a soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land."

I—We are living in the best country under the sun. I am writing this article that I may do "fit" towards keeping my country—God's best. Our country has reached its high place because of the high type of Christian manhood found in her officers up to and including the President, for the wisest man tells us "when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn." Proverbs 29 chapter, 2 verse. It is perfectly obvious—perfectly plain that a nation will not—indeed cannot rise higher than its leaders.

We have the fairest—the best system of taxation, our tax rate is also the lowest of any of the large nations.

Belgium taxes \$5,000 incomes to the tune of \$620.00; England \$787.00; France \$837; Italy \$1,025; while the United States ask people whose income is \$5,000 to part with \$37.50.

Yet our legislature, it seems to me, made a serious mistake. We have on the statute books of North Carolina a law declaring the taking of more than six per cent. on money usury punishable by law and also in the same books is a law permitting the state to take 20 per cent. interest from the poorest of our people before they can redeem their land which has been sold for taxes. This is such a grievous wrong and flagrant mistake that it seems to me the Governor should if necessary, call a special session of the legislature to correct this sad mistake. Surely business and big incomes are not carrying their share of the taxes—we do not hear of them being sold out for taxes. There is surely need of readjustments.

STOKEY.

Mrs. J. S. Taylor spent Monday in Winston-Salem.

HEAVY RAIN STORMS HERE

Farm Lands Washed Badly In Some Sections—Slight Hail Reported In Some Parts of County.

On Monday and Tuesday terrific rain storms, accompanied by wind and slight hail in some sections, visited practically every section of Stokes county. Farmers report that farm lands were washed considerably in some sections, while a few communities reported slight hail, though no damage was done to crops from hail.

Tobacco throughout the county is looking good and the corn crop is also doing well. Farmers are in good spirit over the prospect of a good crop this year.

PIEDMONT HOTEL OPENED SATURDAY

Dance Saturday Night Attended By Large Crowds From Towns of Piedmont Section.

Piedmont Springs hotel was opened for the season Saturday. At night a dance was given and the ball room was crowded with guests from almost every section of the State.

Piedmont Springs is among the best known resorts of the State and in spite of bad roads, detours and other obstacles always gets its share of the patronage. As soon as the State can complete the hard surface highway to Danbury the hotel will no doubt enjoy even a larger patronage.

Poultry Needs Care In Hot Weather

Raleigh, June 7.—Though egg production drops in hot weather the poultry flock should receive attention so that best results may be secured when production starts on the upgrade again.

"The decline in egg production begins in June," says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department. "We estimate that each hen will average about 13 eggs each during this month. The breeding season is also over in June and it is a wise plan to sell all the old male birds not needed for another season. Those males that are wanted should be placed in a separate field with plenty of range and a comfortable small house. The male is not needed for egg production and when he is kept away from the flock, infertile eggs are produced. An infertile egg keeps better in hot weather than a fertile egg. In any case, it is wise to gather the eggs frequently and market them at least twice each week. For best prices, they should be kept clean and cool."

Dr. Kaupp suggests that it might be a good idea to caponize a few of the early cockrels and grow them out on range this summer for the holiday trade. Capons are in demand around Thanksgiving and Christmas and with a little care, a good trade in capons may be built up.

When birds are dipped to control body pests, a warm day should be selected and a solution of one percent zenoleum or some other coal tar dip used. The house should be well ventilated. Open the rear ventilators but do not permit a draft to blow across the birds.

KING TO HAVE BALL PARK SOON

Burwell Overby Tried On Serious Charge — Luther Lawson Back From Hospital—Other News Items.

King, June 13.—Luther Lawson, who underwent an operation in the Martin Memorial hospital for appendicitis about two weeks ago, has been dismissed from the hospital and has returned to his home near here. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

The following births were record here last week; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burkheart, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Morefield, a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bennett, a son.

A number of citizens of this place have formed a stock company and have leased ground of C. F. White on which a ball park will be built. The work of grading the ground is already underway, and as soon as this is completed the work of building the fence and a grand stand will be commenced.

This section was visited by a severe wind, hail and rain storm Sunday afternoon. Land was washed considerably doing much damage to crops.

J. Frank Martin, of Danbury, was here Saturday in the interest of the Chamber of Commerce of Stokes County, of which he is the originator. Mr. Martin is a bright young man and his plans if carried into effect will do wonders for Stokes county, which certainly has the natural resources. The county is dotted all over with undeveloped water power, minerals, beautiful mountain scenery and fine land adapted to diversified farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pulliam, of High Point, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Burwell Overby charged with the larceny of a quantity of meat from W. A. Petree was given a preliminary hearing here Friday before Justice of the Peace Joseph Covington. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to the next term of Stokes Superior court. His bond was fixed at \$500, which he gave and was released.

Lester Pulliam, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. S. D. Pulliam.

Mrs. J. S. Garner underwent a major operation in St. Leo's hospital at Greensboro last Thursday. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

The King Tigers lost to Kernersville in a game of baseball played on the Kernersville diamond Saturday. The score was 6 to 3.

The Ladies Aid Society of the King Moravian church met with Mrs. J. M. Alley on Thursday afternoon with the president, Mrs. S. W. Pulliam, presiding. After the business session "Missions in Greenland" were studied. During a pleasant social half hour Mrs. Alley, assisted by Misses Estelle and Francis Alley served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Collins spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Collins' brother in Mr. Airy.

Miss Clara Pulliam, of Greensboro, was the guest of her mother Sunday.

James Sisk, of Pinnacle, R. 2, has purchased from O. L. Rains a business lot on east

CAN USE BOTH AUTOMOBILE TAGS

If New Tag Is Put On Car Before July 1st, Old One Must Be There Also.

Raleigh, June 13.—Purchasers of new automobile license tags can use them now on their motor vehicles, but they must also use their old 1926-27 licenses until July 1, according to a ruling today by R. A. Doughton, commissioner of motor vehicles, under the new North Carolina motor laws.

His statement followed the hearing here Saturday of a test case after the arrest of Thomas Dunn, Wake county negro, charged with use of a new license tag on his car. Attorneys employed by the negro Monday prepared to contest the charge on the ground that the new motor laws carry no provision against the use of new tags.

In explaining his position, Commissioner Doughton said there is no law at present to prevent any purchaser of a new license tag from displaying the tag on the automobile or other motor vehicle for which it was issued.

There is a law, however, he said, that provides for a display of the 1926-27 motor license until its expiration date on June 30 of this year. Hence it will be necessary for a purchaser of a new tag to display two tags if he wishes to use the new one.

Arrest Stirs Issue Over Auto License

Raleigh, June 12.—With the arrest of Thomas Dunn, aged Wake county negro, for operating an automobile with a new license tag on it for the July 1-December 31 period, the question of whether or not one can do this and still be within the confines of the law has been raised.

Special Deputy Liles arrested Dunn and took him before Justice Owens. Liles took the license plate off the car and the negro was put under a \$200 bond.

Dunn retained the law firm of Briggs and West to defend him. They contend that the fact that an agent of the county instead of an agent of the automobile license department made the arrest makes it illegal and that, therefore, the deputy is liable to arrest for trespass and for stealing.

They contend that the law states that if a license is to be revoked or seized while on a car that it must be done by an agent of the automobile license department.

The law firm in their defense also contend that it is legal for anyone to use a license when it is issued, further, they say, the notice of an assigned number which is sent to the owners of automobiles does not specify when the license is to be placed on display.

Main street on which he will erect a new building and open up a general line of Merchandise.

Happy Smith went to Winston-Salem on a business trip Monday.

C. W. Patterson, of Pilot Mt., was here Monday.

C. T. McGee and V. A. Wilson went to Kernersville today to attend to some business matters.