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STOKES LOSES TAX REFUND

Secretary of Highway Board Fails to Make Claim in Due Time, So County is Short Some \$1,000 to \$1,500—Expensive Negligence On the Part of Officials, Who Are Requested to Make the Loss Good to the County.

The Reporter is informed that Stokes county has lost several hundred dollars—possibly \$1,000 to \$1,500—through the negligence of the highway board, its secretary or others, in failing to make claim in due time for gas refund due the county from the State.

It appears that under the law the county is entitled to be reimbursed by the State to the amount of the five cents tax on motor fuels used by the county other than in motor vehicles operated on the public highways of the State. But there is a proviso in the law which requires that before the State may refund application must be filed with the commissioner of revenue at Raleigh within 90 days of the date of the invoice.

Through somebody's neglect the county failed to put in the necessary application, resulting in the State's refusal to reimburse.

The law with reference to refunds by the State on motor fuels is as follows:

Section 9. Any person, association, firm or corporation, who shall buy, in quantities of ten gallons or more at any one time, any motor fuels as defined in this Act for the purpose of, and the same is actually used in any manner except in motor vehicles designed for operation or intended to be operated in whole or in part upon any of the public highways, streets or alleys of this State, or which motor fuels the tax or taxes imposed by this Act shall have been paid, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of such tax or taxes paid upon presenting to the Commissioner of Revenue an affidavit, accompanied by a ticket, invoice or other document from the retail dealer or distributor received at time of such purchase, which affidavit shall set forth the total amount of such fuel so purchased and used by such consumer, other than in motor vehicles designed for operation or intended to be operated upon any of the public highways, streets or alleys of this State, and how used; and the Commissioner of Revenue, upon the presentation of such affidavit and such ticket, invoice or other document, and upon being satisfied as to the correctness thereof shall issue to such consumer a warrant upon the State Treasurer for the said taxes paid on fuels sold and delivered and used other than for motor vehicles, as aforesaid; Provided, that application for refunds, as provided herein, must be filed with the said Commissioner of Revenue within ninety (90) days from the date of sale of invoice, on forms prepared and furnished by said Commissioner of Revenue; and Provided, further, That no claim for rebate shall be assignable.

Citizens of Walnut Cove and other sections have called the Reporter's attention to this matter, with request that we give the same publicity, and urge that those who are responsible for the loss should make the same good to the county.

BOMB EXPLODES IN CAR AT KING

E. A. Moser Has Narrow Escape—Other News Items of King.

King, March 10.—E. A. Moser, foreman of convict camp No. 1, Forsyth county, and who resides here, had just arrived here from the camp Tuesday night about 7:30. He parked his automobile in front of the home of S. W. Pulliam and had gone in the home to see Mr. Pulliam when a terrific explosion was heard. Upon investigation Mr. Moser found his car had been blown up. It is believed that a time bomb had been placed in the automobile but fortunately Mr. Moser had just left the car when the explosion happened.

Fred Walker has just returned from an extended trip to Iowa and other western states.

C. S. Newsom has just returned from Philadelphia where he went on a business trip.

The Burwell Overby farm lying one mile north of town was sold at public auction here last week. It was bid off by William Hartgrove for a consideration of \$4,300.00.

The new Ford automobile belonging to Cleet Kiser, who resides here, which was stolen from his father's garage at their home here a week ago last Tuesday night, was found last Friday morning at Winston-Salem. The car was parked on 13 1-2 street. A bunch of keys were found in the car and Mr. Kiser informs your correspondent that the keys have been identified here in King. So far no arrest has been made.

Two interesting and exciting games of basket ball were played here Friday night in the new gymnasium. The contestants in the first game was the boys teams of Droughn's Business College of Winston-Salem, and the King High. The final score stood Droughn's 16, King 15. The second game was between the girls' teams of Pilot Mt. and Droughn's and resulted in a score of 14 and 13 in favor of Pilot Mountain girls.

Ernest Hendrix, of High Point, formerly of King, was here Sunday shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end here the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Schaub, of High Point, were among the visitors here Sunday.

Bud Truelove, of Pilot Mt., was here Sunday the guest of his son, Preston Truelove.

L. G. Lawton, barber of this place, has accepted a position at Boone and will enter on his new duties Tuesday. Mr. Lawton will move his family to Boone.

There is no improvement in the condition of Mr. Sandy F. Slate, who has been seriously sick at his home two miles east of town for several weeks.

Jacob Mickey, of Winston-Salem, was here Monday looking after some business matters.

On last Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, the Moravian Ladies Aid had their friends with them at a friendly meeting at the King Moravian church. About fifty were present.

Fine Donations From Duke Fund

Durham, March 9.—Making 400 different donations during the past year to rural Methodist churches of North Carolina and to superannuated ministers, the rural church division of the Duke endowment gave \$159,067 from the fund set up in 1924 by the late James B. Duke. The donations were divided into 3 groups, those to new building funds, those to church maintenance funds, and those to the superannuates' Christmas fund.

LIONS WANT COUNTY FAIR

Committee Named To Work Out Plans—Interesting Meeting Held Here Monday Night.

The Lions Club of Stokes county met in regular session at the Colonial Food Shoppe in Danbury Monday evening and enjoyed a good meal and an interesting discussion of timely topics. Two new members were voted into the club. Superintendent of Schools J. C. Carson, made the address of the evening and stirred the interest of the Lions in matters pertaining to the progress of the school system of Stokes county. In the past this club has been holding meetings only once per month, but on vote of the club meetings will be held each second and fourth Monday evening during the next two months or longer.

At the suggestion of County Agent, J. E. Trevathan, there was some discussion regarding the holding of a county fair in Stokes county during 1930. A committee was appointed to work out a plan of action for the Lions Club in connection with the promotion of a County Fair. This committee is to report to the Lions Club at the next regular meeting. County Agent J. E. Trevathan, Sheriff J. J. Taylor, and Wm. Marshall were appointed on the committee. It was suggested that the 4-H Club work be given special consideration in this connection.

AUTO SALES OFF AGAIN

Only 2,949 Cars Sold In February As Compared With 6,629 Same Month Last Year.

Raleigh, March 8.—Sales of new automobiles in North Carolina in February were less than half the total of February, 1929, Sprague Silver, director of the motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue, announced today.

In February this year new motor vehicles, automobiles and trucks, numbering 2,949 were sold. In February, 1929, the sales totaled 6,329.

The sales of new motor vehicles again fell to a new monthly low mark since the title act was effective in 1923. January, with sales of 3,441, had set a new low mark since 1923. January 1929 sales were 6,820.

Missionary Meeting At Mountain View

Mizpah, March 10.—The Woman's Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Meadows, which was presided over by the president, Mrs. J. F. Meadows, with six members present and two visitors. One member was added to the membership.

Opening hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Prayer by Mrs. W. O. Baker, after which the Bible lesson was read. Each one present read a part in "Royal Service."

A closing song, "To the Work."

A closing prayer by the president.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. V. T. Hartgrove April 2, 1930.

BODY FOUND IN DAN RIVER

Identified By Son As That of Luther Hicks, Who Disappeared From Home In Sauratown Township About Four Months Since.

While fishing in Dan river at a point near the Stokes-Rockingham line two boys yesterday discovered the dead body of a man lying on a drift in the bend of the river. The matter was reported to the authorities and the body was removed to Madison by an undertaker.

Suspecting that the body was that of Luther Hicks, who disappeared from his home in Sauratown township about 4 months since, the 12-year-old son of the missing man was carried to Madison and he at once identified the body as that of his father. The son recognized the shoes of the dead man, as well as a knife and some old coins found in his pockets.

A coroner's inquest failed to throw any light on the question as to how Hicks came to his death.

Solicitor John R. Jones For Danbury Man

By L. J. Hampton.

Wilkesboro, March 11.—With little or no hopes of electing a Republican judge in the Twelfth Judicial District, composed of Davidson, Guilford and Stokes, Solicitor John R. Jones, himself a Republican and the only elective State official in North Carolina, spoke highly today of Hon. John D. Humphreys, of Stokes, and expressed the hope that his old neighbor from Danbury would be successful in his fight to land the judgeship nomination to succeed Judge Thomas J. Shaw.

Solicitor Jones was born and reared in Stokes and as a boy and a young man in his teens and early twenties he knew Lawyer Humphreys well.

"There is no finer lawyer or higher type Christian gentleman in the country," said Solicitor Jones, adding, "He would make an able, conservative judge." Mr. Humphreys is opposed in the primary by former Emergency Judge A. Wayland Cooke and Thomas C. Hoyle, of Greensboro, both also known as able lawyers and courageous high type men. However, Mr. Humphreys' advantage is seen in the fact that Guilford also has two and, incidentally, the only candidates for the Twelfth District solicitorship, which is being voluntarily relinquished this year by Solicitor J. Frank Spruill. The candidates are George E. Younce and T. Bernard Wright, both junior members of the Guilford bar.

Interest in Mr. Humphreys candidacy and additional encouragement were noted today when State daily papers carried the announcement that the Davidson County bar had endorsed for the Danbury attorney. With Davidson and Stokes sewed up and a division in Guilford, Mr. Humphreys' stock took a decided jump, it is declared.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN APRIL

Precinct Primaries April 5th and County Convention On 12th — Delegates To Be Named.

A call has just been issued for holding precinct primaries by the Republicans in Stokes on April 5th, when delegates to the county convention will be named.

The date for the county convention has been fixed for April 12th, at which time delegates will be elected to the State convention and other business attended to. The county convention will be held in Danbury at the court house, beginning at 1 o'clock. The precinct primaries will be held in the various precincts at 2 o'clock. The number of delegates to be named by each precinct appears in the formal call issued by Chairman M. O. Jones, which appears elsewhere in this paper.

Highest Priced Leaf Ever Heard Of

J. P. Slawter was here Monday from Capella, this county, and told the Reporter about the high prices he got for a lot of tobacco on the last sale day of this season at Winston-Salem.

He has always sold tobacco at high prices but now he has broken all records by far.

For one 10 pound lot he received \$1.75 per pound, for another lot of the same number of pounds he got \$1.30 per pound. A third lot brought \$1.00 a pound while the large piles brought from 29 to 40 cents per pound. This price of \$1.75 per pound was doubtless the highest priced tobacco that was ever sold in the State, but it was said to have been also the prettiest leaf ever seen on the market.

Mr. Slawter, who is one of Stokes county's best citizens as well as our finest tobacco grower, came near having a serious automobile accident as he drove his car to Danbury Monday morning. As he descended a hill over on the Flat Shoal road the car got into a rut and when he steered it out of the rut he lost control of it and went down a steep bank, out into a bottom, over brush piles, wood, etc., but fortunately the car did not turn over and he managed to hold on to the wheel until he steered it back into the road a hundred yards from where he went down the bank. Mr. Slawter was unhurt.

One Patrick School To Continue

The Hardin Reynolds school at Critz, Va., which was closed last month on account of a lack of funds, has been reopened since receiving a gift of \$3,400 from Mr. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem.

This school was established by the late Hardin Reynolds, a brother of W. N. Reynolds.

DAVIDSON FOR MR. HUMPHREYS

All Democratic Members Of Bar Endorse Danbury Man For Judge—Lexington Business Men Pledge Their Support.

Attorney John D. Humphreys, of Danbury, who is a candidate for judge in the 12th district, was given what is considered a real boost last Saturday when all of the Democratic members of the bar of Davidson county signed a formal resolution endorsing Mr. Humphreys for Judge. The resolution with the names of the attorneys appeared in Monday's issue of the Lexington Dispatch. It is known that Mr. Humphreys also was given assurance of their support by a large per cent. of the business and professional men of Lexington and Thomasville, as well as many throughout Davidson county. It is believed by those who are familiar with conditions in Davidson that Mr. Humphreys will carry at least seventy-five per cent. of the Democratic votes in that county in the June primary, while Stokes will of course go solidly for him.

In the only other county of the district—Guilford—there the two other candidates, Mr. Cooke and Mr. Hoyle, but notwithstanding this fact it is believed that the Stokes candidate will get a good vote from that county.

EXERCISES AT SCHOOL HERE

Play Thursday Night, March 20—Diplomas To Graduates Friday Night Following—Several Addresses By Citizens.

The Danbury Junior High School will close Friday, March 21st, with graduation exercises at night, when diplomas will be presented seven students, these being Miram Hall, Mattie Sue Hole, DeLoivce Robertson, Riverna Lawson, Yancie Hall, Frances Humphreys and Easley Joyce.

On Thursday night, March 20th, a play entitled, "The Fruit of His Polly," will be presented by the high school students, when a small admission fee will be charged. There will be no charge on the night of the graduation exercises.

Several citizens have been asked to deliver addresses on Friday night. More definite plans will be given out next week.

Corbett Priddy No Longer Deputy

Sheriff John Taylor this week confirmed the report that Corbett Priddy, formerly deputy sheriff in the county, no longer holds that office.

The proposed tariff law must be flexible, judging by the way the argument over it is stretching out.