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Stokes Expenses Cut Thirty Per Cent

AUDITOR'S OFFICE ABOLISHED, SHERIFF AND REGISTER OF DEEDS TO FILL THE GAP—NEW VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE ORDERED.

A revaluation of Stokes real estate, with a cut of 33.12 per cent. in the new valuation, was ordered by the Board of Stokes County Commissioners here Monday. At the same time the office of County Auditor Frank P. Stone was abolished, and the duties of this position were added to the obligations of the offices of Sheriff and Register of Deeds, to be performed without additional compensation.

The salary of the Clerk of the Superior Court was also reduced.

The combined readjustments will result in an estimated saving to the taxpayers of 30 per cent. of the present court house expenses.

These economies were effected by the Board after an all-day session, acting in conjunction with and under the advice of Senator S. Gilmer Sparger, county attorney.

The salary of the court stenographer, heretofore \$10 a day and expenses, was curtailed to \$8 a day net.

The legislature had previously passed a bill providing that any taxpayer who owed taxes for the years 1927 to 1931, or who was delinquent for any one or more of these years, might give notes in equal installments for the payment of these taxes, provided the taxpayer had settled for his 1932 taxes. The commissioners decided not to require the payment of the 1932 taxes, but left it optional with the taxpayers as to his payment of the 1932 tax, in taking advantage of the provision of the legislature as above outlined.

It was ordered that there be no more foreclosures by suits, which has heretofore cost the taxpayer \$45. The foreclosure in the future will be an automatic judgment, similar to a stock assessment, and the cost to the taxpayer will be only \$8.00.

Senator Sparger assured the Board that there is no doubt but that the legislature will repeal the 15 per cent. ad valorem tax on property.

The Board was composed of a full personnel, as follows: F. P. Stone, chairman; J. A. Joyce and H. H. Brown.

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Honor Roll Walnut Cove High School

The following students make up the honor roll of the Walnut Cove High School for the sixth month. In order to have one's name on the honor roll a student must not make less than 90 on any high school course that he or she is studying.

ELEVENTH GRADE

Elsie Gatewood,
Evelyn Stone,
Glady's Badger.

TENTH GRADE

Virginia Fulton,
Mary Sands,
Irene Richardson,
Walter Petree,
Fred Pepper.

NINTH GRADE

Harvey Smith,
Harry Hutchison,
Marie Fitzgerald,
Florence Gerrey,
Theron Wood,
Paul Craig,
Virginia Burton,
Sara Flinchum,
Daisy Mabe.

EIGHTH GRADE

McAdoo Gerrey,
Abe Jenkins,
Elliot Tuttle,
C. G. Ray,
Phil Petree,
Holt Newsome,
George Moorefield,
Charles Mounce,
Jim Bullin,
Irene Dillon,
Hazel Petree,
Marjorie Pepper,
Erna Neal.

Refinancing of Farm Mortgages Discussed

Washington, March 30.—Representative Frank Hancock today conferred with Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and his assistants regarding the refinancing of farm mortgages. Morgenthau will be head of the new Farm Credit Corporation, which will have charge of all federal lending agencies dealing with agriculture.

Hancock stated that he urged corporation officials in drafting and administering new farm mortgage bills, to provide the lowest interest rate in the history of farm mortgages. The Fifth North Carolina district representative said the interest rate and payment on principal should not exceed 3 1/2 per cent. He said Senator Robinson's proposal of 5 1/2 per cent. was clearly out of line and higher than the farmer could pay.

Brick brooders designed for the Catawba County Home farm by the farm agent has reduced the cost of brooding chicks at this farm and is assuring the inmates of a bountiful supply of poultry.

NORTH CAROLINA TO HAVE BEER

A BILL LEGALIZING BEVERAGE HAS BEEN PASSED BY CONGRESS, EFFECTIVE IN 23 STATES — RALEIGH GENERAL ASSEMBLY CERTAIN TO FOLLOW SUIT—TAX \$40 IN INCORPORATED TOWNS, \$25 IF NOT INCORPORATED — SALES TAX WILL LIKELY BE ADOPTED BY LEGISLATURE.

Legal beer will doubtless be on sale in North Carolina within 20 days.

Senator S. Gilmer Sparger returned from Raleigh the weekend, and will be here attending court until Tuesday night. It is Senator Sparger's opinion that the North Carolina General Assembly will legalize beer without a doubt. Sentiment in both branches of the Legislature is favorable to the idea, and the Senate has already voted it.

Those who sell beer in North Carolina must pay a privilege tax to the government of \$40 in incorporated towns, or \$25 outside. Besides this embargo, there will be heavy taxes levied by the Federal government and by the State on each barrel sold, but these taxes will be paid by the manufacturers.

It is estimated that many thousands of dollars in taxation will result to the school funds, if legal beer comes to North Carolina.

It is Senator Sparger's opinion that a sales tax will be enacted before the law-makers come home, and that in no other practicable way can the necessary funds be raised to balance the budget, and maintain the expenses of State government.

It is estimated that three more weeks will be required to complete the work of this session of the General Assembly.

Death Of William Oakley

William Oakley, aged 76, died Sunday at his home near North View, after a lingering illness with diabetes.

The interment was at North View cemetery Monday afternoon, attended by a large concourse.

The deceased is survived by his wife, and the following children: Noel Oakley, Charley Oakley, T. Settle Oakley, W. Terry Oakley, Jett Oakley, all of whose homes are in the same neighborhood of their deceased father's home; Curtis Oakley, of Burlington; Mrs. Charles Bowler, Mrs. Bet Sheppard, Mrs. Bruce Spencer, and Mrs. Russell Flinchum, all of Stokes county.

Mr. Oakley was a splendid citizen, and will be missed in his section of the county.

"As usual, when winter gives way to spring, the farmer becomes optimistic and plans for another year, trusting the things will change in his favor."—County Agent R. W. Poy of Forsyth.

The Moore County Mutual Exchange is receiving new members daily and is rendering an excellent service to its farmers members, says the county agent.

FLETCHER WILKINS DIES BY OWN HAND

SANDY RIDGE YOUNG MAN, 26 YEARS OLD, COMMITS SUICIDE — MIND PROBABLY UNBALANCED FROM EFFECTS OF DRINKING — SURVIVED BY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

Fletcher Wilkins shot himself and died instantly between sunset and dark Thursday night of last week.

The young man, who was aged 26, and is survived by a wife and two children, had been drinking rather heavily the day of the tragedy, in company with two brothers, one of whom had brought a quantity of whiskey to be used by the trio.

They are the facts told to the Reporter by a neighbor of the unfortunate young man.

About midnight, Wilkins' wife asked him to go out and cut some night wood. He made two or three trips to oblige his wife, but each time returned, without the wood. Finally, he sent one of his brothers to get the wood, himself repairing to a secluded spot in the yard near the home. Placing the muzzle of the gun under his overalls, near the heart, he fired the weapon. Death was instantaneous.

Sheriff John Taylor was notified immediately. The Sheriff, upon reaching the scene, summoned the coroner and a jury, whose verdict was that young Wilkins came to his death at his own hands.

The deceased was a son of Jack Wilkins. His wife was a daughter of Anderson B. Carter.

King News Items

King, April 5.—Mrs. Sjd Rumley aged 56 years was found dead in bed at their home three miles south of town Sunday morning. Her death was caused by a heart attack. The deceased is survived by the husband, several children and a number of grandchildren.

K. W. Allen of Winston-Salem, formerly of King, was a business visitor here Saturday.

J. Stedman Garner is preparing to erect a new dwelling on his farm just east of town.

A number of people from here are attending the criminal term of Stokes court at Danbury this week. Toby L. Booth, county game warden of Danbury, was here on business Friday.

Austin Garner, who is teaching in the Sandy Ridge school spent the weekend here the guest of his mother.

Mrs. Susan Love, who is suffering from an attack of influenza, is right sick at the home of her brother, M. T. Shalhower on Depot St. James Hauser, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

L. S. Grabs, who underwent an operation in the Martin Memorial Hospital last week, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tillotson, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knight, of Newport News, Va., are spending a few days with relatives here.

TWO CAPITAL CASES THIS WEEK

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION — NUMBER OF MINOR CASES DISPOSED OF — TRUE BILL FOUND BY GRAND JURY AGAINST JOE JOHNSON FOR MURDER, TRIAL SET FOR WEDNESDAY — TRUE BILLS FOR FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY AGAINST DICK HEADEN AND ROBERT SCALES.

Spring term of Stokes Superior Court is in session, Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, is presiding. Senator Knott is prosecuting for the State.

The crowd in attendance at court is not as large as usual.

The following cases have been disposed of up to Tuesday night: Jeff Sheppard, resisting officer judgment pending.

Arsely Shelton, possession of liquor. Not guilty.

Fred Shelton, possession of liquor. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Robert Cardwell and Wm. Howard Joyce, B and E, State prison for not less than one nor more than two years as to each defendant.

Howard Joyce, robbery. Prayer for judgment continued for one year.

Noah Welch, L. & R. 90 days on roads.

Jesse Evans and Bill Beach, B. & E. and larceny. Not less than 3 nor more than 5 years in State prison for each defendant.

Bill Troutman and Marvin Fleming, receiving stolen goods. 90 days on roads for each defendant.

Jesse Mabe, manslaughter. Trial pending.

Zeb Smith, A. D. W., prayer for judgment. Continued upon payment of cost.

True bill of indictment for murder as to Joe Johnson, colored. Trial set for Wednesday.

True bill of indictment for first degree burglary as to Dick Headen and Robert Scales. Trial set for Thursday.

The grand jury is composed as follows:

- J. Norman Slate, Foreman.
- L. J. Fowler.
- Paul Bennett.
- S. P. Covington.
- H. T. Griffin.
- C. H. Sheppard.
- J. B. Martin.
- Paul Westmoreland.
- W. A. Christian.
- P. M. Stephens.
- Ernest Dillon.
- W. G. Tuttle.
- W. M. Tuttle.
- C. H. Hartgrove.
- W. E. Martin.
- L. C. Boles.
- W. E. Kiser.
- N. I. Boyles.

Farmers of Lincoln County are using Governmental seed loans as about the only source of credit in the county as this time.

Two additional pure bred Guernsey bulls have been purchased by McDowell county farmers in building up the dairy blood of the county.

REVENUE TREXLER KILLED IN RACE

WHILE CHASING BOOZELRUNNER HIS CAR OVERTURNED WITH FATAL RESULT — COMMISSIONER FELTS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

L. G. Trexler, 36, district agent of the middle district, noted for his captures of fast rum cars, was instantly killed when his automobile was wrecked in a chase 2 1/2 miles from Stoneville on the Maydan road Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock.

Probation Agent C. S. Felts, his companion, was seriously injured, but was expected to live, according to advice from attending at the Leaksville Hospital, where he was hurried in an ambulance soon after the accident.

J. L. Osteen, administrator of the prohibition forces in the middle district of North Carolina said that he investigated the accident a short while after it happened.

He said Trexler was driving the roadster in which Felts was riding with him. The officers spotted a roadster, which they suspected of carrying liquor and gave chase.

The chase was continued about an hour over narrow, dangerous roads when the accident occurred. Several times the officers attempted to pass the rum car, but each time the driver of the fleeing vehicle would cut in front of their automobile.

The rum car suddenly cut off on a side road at right angles about two and a half miles from Stoneville. Trexler attempted to turn sharply to the left on the side road. His car turned completely over, crushing in the whole top part of the automobile, and again righted itself on its wheels, coming to a stop.

Trexler died instantly with a crushed head.

The car which the officers had been chasing was found about a mile from the scene of the accident, with a flat tire. Sixty gallons of liquor were discovered in the deserted roadster. The driver escaped.

Administrator Osteen indicated that clues as to the identity of the man were in the possession of federal agents and a thorough effort will be made to apprehend him.

Mr. Osteen expressed a regret at the loss of one of the most valuable prohibition agents in the entire service. Officer Trexler was known and feared by rumrunners, not only in North Carolina, but by those in other states who attempted to operate through this state.

Since he entered the service in 1925, he has established an outstanding record for the number of arrests made and amount of illegal beverage seized. Mr. Osteen declared Trexler had just completed one of the most successful months of his career.

Trexler has been stationed at Greensboro since 1927. He was a native of Rowan county.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Margaret Ivey Trexler, of Greensboro; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Trexler, of Rowan county; and numerous other relatives of Rowan county.