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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WRESTLE WITH TAX PROBLEM

For four hours Monday afternoon the county commissioners in session at Dobson wrestled with the problem of whittling down the tax rate of this county. Mr. Byerly, chairman of the board, was determined to reduce the burden of taxation that is now on the people and he stated that from all sections of the county he was receiving messages to give the people relief. And so for four hours the board and other governing bodies met and applied the pruning knife to every possible expense that the county is put to. A supreme effort was made to get the rate down to \$1.00 but the best that could be done was \$1.07, which is three cents less than last year.

The first thing the commissioners had to face was to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on the county's indebtedness. The county owes \$1,300,000 outstanding bonds and it requires \$75,800 every year to pay the interest on them. To raise this amount the commissioners made a levy of 25 cents. With a property valuation in the county of nearly thirty million dollars it will be seen that the commissioners are figuring mighty close.

The largest single item that the county has to raise by taxation is the budget required by the county board of education to maintain the schools of the county. This year the board of education asked for \$157,000 with which to run the schools. The law makes it mandatory on the part of the county commissioners to levy a tax sufficient to cover the budget made out by the board of education and so the commissioners had no other discretion than to levy a tax of 53 cents to raise the necessary funds. In presenting the budget Prof. Hendren went over the many items in it and showed the commissioners that this county now stands at the foot of the list of the counties in the state in its per capita of expenditure for educational purposes.

For bridges the county made a levy of three cents. This means that there will be no bridges built in Surry the coming year as this small levy will hardly keep what bridges we now have in repair.

The highway commission was given a tax levy for roads of 14 cents, or about four cents less than they had last year. This will raise them \$40,000 for road work in the county for the coming year. The highway commission asked for a rate that would bring them in \$60,000, but the commissioners held the figure down.

The tax rate for the general county fund was made 12 cents. This is the only fund that the county commissioners really expend in their work, all the other levies being turned over to the different departments of the county.

The valuation in the county this year showed an increase over last year of about one and one-half million dollars. Of this increase \$1,120,000 was in Mount Airy where the city property in a number of instances was given a considerable boost. The balance of the increase was secured in the towns of Pilot Mountain and Elkin while in the country districts the valuations were left unchanged except in some instances where they were lowered owing to the decrease in land values in the country.

In The Recorder's Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the Recorder's Court by Judge Lewellyn on Tuesday morning:

Jim Pack paid the cost for disorderly conduct.

For being drunk and disorderly Chester Flynn was given a 30-day jail sentence.

J. W. Gardner, of Pine Ridge, was taxed with the cost for selling cigarettes to minors. Mr. Gardner contended that the action brought against him was of a malicious nature.

John Harold and Frank Brown paid the cost in a case charging them with violating the prohibition laws.

Raphael Crawford, colored, was fined \$25 and the cost for an assault on his wife. He was also given a suspended road sentence which is to take effect if he harms his wife within the next five years.

Five negro laborers from the quarry section were before the court charged with gambling. Each one was fined \$10 and the cost by the judge.

Mr. Wallace Quitts and Then Resigns.

At the regular meeting of the county board of education held in Dobson Monday I. O. Wallace, of Kapps Mills, qualified as a member of the board and then immediately tendered his resignation. The appointment of Mr. Wallace as a member of the board was made by the state board of education some weeks ago to fill a vacancy that had occurred when the Republican party of this county failed to make recommendations to the legislature as to whom they wished to represent them on the board of education. When the legislature adjourned it was found that the Republicans were not represented on the board and the Democratic members at once recommended to the state authorities at Raleigh the appointment of J. P. Carter, of Elkin, and I. O. Wallace, of Kapps Mills.

The fact that the board found itself without any Republican members after the adjournment of the legislature led to many unkind remarks from the mouths of Republican politicians who claimed that the Democrats were trying to "hog" them out of membership on the board. The Union Republican, published in Winston-Salem, and which keeps a close touch on the politics of this county, has on several occasions had some very caustic remarks on this same subject, but since the appointment of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Carter, two staunch Republicans, to this office the Union Republican has seen good cause to drop the subject and has not even honored these gentlemen with the mention that they were selected as members to represent their party.

Mr. Carter is now serving on the board and the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Wallace will be filled at the next meeting by the appointment of a member from the Republican ranks. In resigning Mr. Wallace stated that his business connections would not permit him to give the time to the office that it would require.

Water Situation Unchanged.

While we have had some rain during the first of the week Supt. Whitlock says that the water shortage is still unrelieved and he cautions the public to continue to observe the regulations adopted several weeks ago in regard to the conservation of drinking water. The city has on hand a very small amount of water as a reserve supply and this is growing less every day and for this reason the policy of conservation must be continued. As soon as the rains cause the supply of water to the city pump station to increase the public will be notified and the restrictions released. But for the present all use of water for purposes other than household and kitchen use is strictly prohibited.

The city water department hopes that this will be the last year that the people will have to be restricted in the use of water. They are now building a 20-foot dam across the stream that supplies the city with water. This dam will impound nine million gallons of water and will furnish a surplus that is supposed to tide us over a dry spell such as we are now passing through. The dam is being constructed on the city's water shed about a mile from town and to the left of the Fancy Gap road and will represent an outlay of about \$6,000.

Dr. Bob Flippin Ill.

Dr. R. E. L. Flippin, of Pilot Mountain, well known physician of this county, is very sick and confined to his room. He was in his usual health and attended the picnic of the farmers at Pilot Mountain on Saturday, July 25. Late that afternoon he was taken suddenly ill with acute brights disease and his condition is considered critical. Dr. Bob, besides being a popular physician, has taken a great interest in the cooperative movement and was always found attending the meetings of the farmers and he has a large circle of friends who will regret to learn of his illness.

Pilot Mountain Citizen Dies.

S. J. Patterson died at his home in Pilot Mountain Monday morning at the age of 75 years following an illness of several years. The deceased in his prime of life was a prominent farmer of the Siloam section but moved to Pilot Mountain a number of years ago where he lived until his death. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church having joined the Siloam Baptist Church just 50 years ago. He was also an enthusiastic Mason which fraternity had charge of the funeral.

The deceased is survived by a widow by a second marriage and three children; J. S. and C. W. Patterson and Mrs. T. G. Crisman all of Pilot Mountain. The interment was in Pilot Mountain Tuesday afternoon where a large number of people gathered to pay their last respects to their honored neighbor and friend.

ASSOCIATION WINS IN ALLEGHANY COURT

Awarded Damages Against 26 Surry Farmers For Selling Tobacco Outside the Association.

The special term of Alleghany County Superior Court held at Sparta last week for the trial of suits brought by the Cooperative Association against alleged contract breakers resulted in a verdict for the association in twenty-six cases, the association winning all the cases that it brought before the court. In one case the jury returned a verdict against the association but later the court set it aside and ordered another trial.

Those being sued by the association for breaking their contract did not deny that they had sold their tobacco on the open market but they endeavored to set up the defense that they had been induced to sign the contract through fraud and misrepresentations on the part of the solicitors. However they were never able to get this fact before the jury and the matter sifted down to a question as to how much tobacco each contract breaker had sold away from the association and what the liquidated damage was. In each instance the attorneys for the association accepted the figure of the defendants as to the amount they had sold on the open market. When the court declined to allow the issue of fraud to be presented to the jury the defense was without any argument. J. H. Folger, attorney for many of the defendants, noted an appeal in several cases and says he will make a test case of them before the Supreme Court.

Besides being awarded a judgment for damages against the defendants the association was allowed \$100 in each case for attorneys fees, as well as the costs incurred in giving bonds for the tobacco during the time it was tied up in the court proceedings. The amount of damages awarded the association ranged from \$500 down to \$100 and in one or two cases less.

The cases of the following defendants were tried:

R. W. Simpson, J. W. White, J. F. Chilton, F. D. Culler, M. H. Dunbar, J. W. Hemmings, W. T. Matthews, J. B. Johnson, Jim Atkins, Babe Marsh, Martin Simpson, W. W. Cook, Roy Arrington, L. F. Long, J. T. Haynes, E. N. Scott, S. T. Bennett, B. W. Cox, John Hazelwood, Thomas Corder, B. M. Wagoner, A. M. Simpson, Martin Simpson, C. M. Simpson, Arthur Cook, and H. A. Riddick. In a few of the cases judgment was taken by consent.

Besides the money judgments recovered, there was in each of the above cases a decree made by the court that the defendant perform all the terms and conditions of his contract with the association, and was permanently enjoined from delivering any of his tobacco to any other person.

In all of these cases the members sought to have their contracts cancelled for alleged misrepresentations as to receiving 75% on delivery of their tobacco, and a great many other allegations of like nature, but they failed to make out their cases in any particular instance to the satisfaction of the court.

The association was represented in these cases by R. A. Doughton and C. W. Higgins of Alleghany County, Kenneth C. Royal of Goldsboro, and Robert A. Freeman of Surry County; and the defendants were for the most part represented by J. H. Folger and A. D. Folger, of this county and by R. F. Crouse of Alleghany County.

Jumps Off Truck; Dies From Fractured Skull.

Lewis Stephens, young married man of Peters Creek, Va., died soon after reaching Martin Memorial hospital as the result of a fractured skull sustained in Pilot Mountain last Saturday. The young man was riding on a truck and as he passed through Pilot Mountain the truck slowed down for him to get off. He was riding on the back of it and as it slacked up in speed he jumped off backward, being thrown to the pavement, the back of his head striking first and rendering him unconscious. It was seen that he was fatally injured and he was brought to the hospital in this city at once where he soon passed away.

Miss West Educational Director of Nurse Training in State

Miss Lula B. West, R. N., superintendent of Martin Memorial Hospital, this city, has been chosen as the Educational Director of the North Carolina Schools of Nursing and left the first of the week in that capacity to begin a tour of the state in which she will visit all the hospitals in the state, having nurse training schools, for the purpose of standardizing nurse training in the state. The trip will require six weeks or two months time.

Fred Armfield Approved As Welfare Officer.

After sending a personal representative to this county and looking over the local situation Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, state welfare officer, on Tuesday approved the appointment of Fred Armfield, of Lowgap, as Surry County welfare officer to succeed C. G. Roberson. The approval of Mr. Armfield on the part of the state authorities relieved what might have terminated into a serious situation for the action of the county authorities was unanimous in naming Mr. Armfield for this office and any adverse action that might have been taken by Mrs. Johnson would have created an embarrassing problem to say the least. Two years ago this office precipitated a conflict between the state and county authorities which claimed the attention of the entire state when the action of the county authorities was overruled by Mrs. Johnson and C. G. Roberson was placed in office.

When Mrs. Johnson learned of the rejection of Mr. Roberson and the appointment of Mr. Armfield in his stead she sent a representative from Raleigh, Miss Shopwell, to this county to have an interview with Mr. Armfield—in other words to look him over and get first hand information as to his qualifications. Before leaving the county Monday afternoon Miss Shopwell informed the county authorities that she would make a favorable report to Mrs. Johnson as to the qualifications of Mr. Armfield and on Tuesday Prof. E. S. Hendren received a telegram announcing her approval of the newly elected officer.

Two Civil Courts in September For Surry

Beginning August 31st this county will have a succession of courts to try civil cases followed by the regular October court for both criminal and civil matters. The regular August term will convene on Monday, August 31st, and continue for two weeks. The jurors for the first day of the August court, we are authorized to state, are not required to attend court until the second day, which will be Sept. 1st, Tuesday. After two weeks of hearing civil matters the court officials and attorneys will have a rest of one week then start in on a special term of civil court which will begin Monday, Sept. 21st, and continue for two weeks. And later on the October term will be on hand for the disposition of criminal and civil cases.

Jurors For August 31st Court.

Following is the list of jurors for the term of court beginning August 31st:

First Week—J. A. Love, J. Martin Hill, J. C. Trulove, J. B. Dunnagan, T. H. Scott, J. W. Venable, E. B. Draughn, O. F. Hauser, W. L. Gwyn, T. J. Baker, W. O. Bryant, C. W. Bottoms, C. F. Cain, R. D. Hauser, W. A. Pardue, J. W. Pilon, C. M. Atkins, S. L. Canter, T. L. Roberts, W. L. Hanes, Anderson Smith, C. E. Williams, M. A. Bates, Charlie Moore.

Jurors for September 21st Court.

First Week—Arthur Cook, W. A. Gentry, L. A. Armstrong, A. J. Badgett, V. D. Jessup, S. C. Hamlin, J. W. White, J. M. Royal, V. A. Kennedy, T. A. Bryant, B. F. Sprinkle, H. E. Scott, Jas. H. Darnell, D. H. Cooke, J. E. Cockerham, E. T. Isaacs, J. W. Gillespie, Will Adams, W. V. Holder, Jas. Blevins, S. M. Marion, W. D. Haynes, T. J. Doss, E. A. Wilmoth.

Second Week—O. W. Roberts, W. W. Stephens, Kirby Galyean, W. A. Keaton, R. H. Bledsoe, Harold Click, J. A. Byrd, Josiah Needham, A. H. Carter, J. Luther Jessup, L. W. Cook, J. H. Cockerham, G. N. Slaughter, T. G. Snow, W. A. Finney, J. W. Joyce, Cleve Williamson, J. A. Whitaker.

New Victory Theatre Nearing Completion.

Workmen are this week laying the floor and installing the seats to the addition to the Victory Theatre and W. H. Marion, its proprietor, expects to have it open for the public by Sept. 1st. Next week the remodeling of the old theatre room will begin. This will be constructed into an arcade that will lead to the large auditorium that is now being completed in the rear. In the arcade will be several rooms for candy and soft drink stands. When completed this theatre will contain one of the most modern and up-to-date auditoriums in the state with a seating capacity of nearly one thousand. As an opening feature Mr. Marion plans to secure the Al O. Fields minstrel, which is one of the most widely known companies on the road.

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E. Gibson Davis, pastor.

Bible School .....9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship .....11:00 a. m.  
B. Y. P. U. ....7:00 p. m.  
Evening service .....8:00 p. m.

The pastor preaches next Sunday morning and evening on the following themes, "On the Jericho Highway," and "Profanity—A Senseless Vice." The evening message is the third in the series of sermons the pastor is preaching on the Ten Commandments. We invite the stranger and the friend, the rich and the poor to worship with us and bid you all in the name of our Lord Jesus—Welcome.

What if Co-ops' Million Bales Had Been Dumped?

What if the million bales all the cooperative associations in the South

had been dumped at the same time the non-members were dumping? Where would the price have gone? This is the thing that should interest members. So when you think that you have not received the last penny that you might have gotten, think of the above and make a guess as to what you would have received had there been no organizations in the South.

It is too bad that men who join themselves together for the purpose of working out the problems of a whole group, should have to give a large share to men who stand aside and watch the fight. But this is true of every movement of any size which has for its object the revolutionizing of any business. Who ever heard of the burden of any big public enterprise being spread over the entire people as it should be?—J. D. Eldridge, in The Progressive Farmer.

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