

New County Tax Books Tied Up In Dispute Between Officials

Tax Supervisor, B. F. Folger Refuses To Use Help Furnished By County

Locks Up Books And Goes Fox Hunting

Things over at Dobson are again in a tangle. That is over county affairs. And it is all over who has the most authority, the County Commissioners or B. F. Folger, the tax supervisor and purchasing agent. Back in April the matter of listing the tax property of the county for taxes came before the commissioners and they made out a list of tax listers. Mr. Folger, as the county tax supervisor, also made out a list, which failed to meet the approval of the commissioners, and for a time no appointments were made pending the disagreement between the two sides. Finally Mr. Folger's list of appointees was accepted by the commissioners and the work of listing taxes was carried out with the Democrat list takers doing the job under the direction of Mr. Folger.

Now the time has come for copying these list sheets off on the "big book" at Dobson, making the calculations for every township and special school tax district, and then making out the tax tickets for the use of the sheriff. All this work requires the help of two or three additional hands for a month or more and last week the commissioners appointed help to assist Mr. Folger in the work. This time the appointment did not meet with the approval of Mr. Folger and he declined to use the help furnished by the commissioners, contending that it was his lawful privilege to employ his own assistants in the tax supervisor's office. Now it is said that the commissioners have served notice on him that they will not pay any bills for help employed without their consent.

And so the work on the tax books has ceased and the folks say Frank has gone fox hunting, and is waiting for the commissioners to decide to let him go ahead with the work in his own way and employ help of his own choice. People coming down the Fancy Gap a few nights ago heard the long far-away baying of a pack of fox hounds and naturally supposed that Frank's favorite dogs were leading the pack, while the commissioners were in their homes worrying over what course to pursue to get the tax books out of Mr. Folger's hands.

The commissioners are to meet at Dobson the first Monday in August, complete their budget and levy the tax rate for 1929. In order to do this with any degree of intelligence it is necessary for them to know the amount of property listed in the county for taxation. But with the books locked up in Mr. Folger's office they will be seriously handicapped at determining the tax rate necessary to provide the funds for the various departments as called for in the budget.

It will become a serious matter if the tangle continues for it is a steady task to get the books in shape and ready to deliver to the sheriff at the October meeting. In the meantime Mr. Folger has all the tax records in his hands and it now appears that it will take some court action to bring about the settlement of the tangle. While the parties to the quarrel are contending for their rights the tax-payers may suffer as a result of the hold-up in the work.

Hospital News

Miss Ellen Clark, of Stuart, Va., is a patient for treatment and probably an operation later.

Mrs. Tom Hall, who resides on Elm street submitted to an operation Monday night.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Smith Monday night. Mrs. C. C. Thompson of Mountain Park is a patient for treatment.

Little Everett Ooad of Dug Spur, Va. is a patient for medical treatment.

Mrs. J. A. Angel is doing very nicely after an operation Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Alford has returned to her home in Elkin after spending a number of weeks in the hospital.

A. C. Lowe of Mount Airy route 1 submitted to an operation for acute appendicitis last Thursday. He is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. Roberts Dies at Mattox

Mrs. Will Roberts, formerly Miss Banner of this place died at her home in Mattox, Va., last Tuesday of paralysis. She was a sister of J. E. Banner who is the only surviving member of this old Mount Airy family; another sister Mrs. John Bondurant passing away about a month ago. The remains of Mrs. Roberts were interred at Mattox.

Kiwanians Enjoy Fine Evening With Galax Club

A large delegation of Kiwanians and their wives and friends were the guests of the Rotary Club at Galax last Friday afternoon at one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held in the history of the local club. Dinner in picnic style was served on the beautiful and spacious lawn of the country home of Hon. T. L. Felts two miles from Galax. Mr. Felts was present and he and his son, Gordon, and Mrs. Gordon Felts, along with the officials of the Rotary Club left nothing undone to make the occasion one never to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Attorney S. F. Landreth was master of ceremonies, calling upon President Anderson of the Rotary Club, who extended to the visitors a word of welcome which was responded to by J. H. Folger. Mayor Carico extended all the courtesies of the city to the visitors and these were accepted in a word of thanks by Mayor Snyder.

During the evening the visitors strolled over the estate of Mr. Felts viewing the many places of interest, which included fish ponds with blooming water lilies, rabbit bins for the enjoyment of the little boys, a doll house as well as the little girls, and the beautiful flower garden which winds among the trees and rolling hills back of the home.

Surry Farmers To Attend Raleigh Meeting

Governor Gardner has called a meeting of the farmers of the state to meet in Raleigh next week to discuss the situation in North Carolina as affects the farmer. As delegates to the meeting he has named W. E. Merritt of this city, W. E. Matthews of Pilot Mountain and W. L. Chilton of Arratt to represent Surry county. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Chilton will leave Monday to attend the convention, while business will prevent Mr. Merritt from attending.

Pythian Children To Give Entertainment Here Tonight

The children of the Pythian Home at Clayton will give a concert tonight at the city hall at 8 o'clock. This is a high class entertainment and one the citizens should support. There are sixteen children in the group directed by Miss Mary Traynham Wyche. Their program will consist of readings and songs. This concert is given for the benefit of the home which these children represent. The price of admission is 50c for adults and 25c for children. Every one is cordially invited to come.

Put Cemetery In Order

All parties having loved ones buried in the cemetery at White Plains Baptist Church are requested to gather at the cemetery at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning July 23 and assist in cleaning off the cemetery. This is a work which should interest all who are connected with this church.

Miss Willie Taylor Burke is spending this week with Miss Paige Howard in Greensboro.

CONTRACTS TO BE LET FOR WORK ON ROCK and COPELAND SCHOOLS

Superintendent E. S. Hendren this week sent out plans to contractors for the construction of additional class rooms to the Flat Rock school and the Copeland school. This action in accordance with budget adopted last month by the county commissioners authorizing this work to be done. The commissioners turned down many requests for additional school facilities from all parts of the county but the need of the Flat Rock and Copeland schools were so pressing that the work could not be postponed further.

The two schools are getting four additional class rooms added to their present buildings which are needed to care for the increasing attendance at these places. The work at the two places will cost \$10,000 and the contract will be awarded at the August meeting of the board of education. The Westfield school is now under construction and when completed will

Country Club Elects Officers

J. G. Harrison Named as President; Program of Development to Be Carried On

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Mount Airy Country Club held in the club house last Thursday evening a board of directors composed of nine was elected for the ensuing year they being W. W. Christian, H. M. Foy, J. G. Harrison, W. H. Holcomb, E. H. Kohtitsky, H. H. Llewellyn, Dr. M. S. Martin, J. D. Sargent and J. R. Smith. H. M. Foy, secretary and treasurer, made his annual report which showed the affairs of the club to be in splendid condition with a total membership in good standing of 87.

Following the meeting of the stockholders the directors held a short session and elected J. G. Harrison president of the club, J. D. Sargent as first vice-president and W. W. Christian second vice-president. H. M. Foy was re-elected sec. and treas.

The directors mapped out a plan of improving the grounds and golf course during the coming months and have under discussion the completion of the tennis court and the construction of a croquet ground.

Surry Baptists Meet at Copeland

Delegates from the churches of the Surry Baptist Association will meet at Copeland Baptist Church Friday for a three-day session, beginning at 10 A. M. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. I. T. Jacobs, and reports of the various committees will be made Friday afternoon. The program committee composed of W. E. Woodruff, L. P. Wrenn and J. A. Martin, has arranged a full program for the three-day session and a large attendance is expected.

Lightning Kills John F. Adkins

John F. Adkins was killed by lightning late Thursday afternoon while standing under a shade tree on the lawn of his home five miles from town on the Mount Airy to Westfield road. Mr. Adkins was 52 years old and was a successful farmer and a good citizen and his untimely passing brings sorrow to a host of friends as well as his family. He is survived by his wife formerly a Miss Snoddy and ten children, six girls and four boys.

The lightning struck a poplar tree under which Mr. Adkins was standing barking and splitting the tree, the current ran down the tree and out a large root about five feet to where Mr. Adkins was standing, death was instantaneous and his body was crushed and limp when he was picked up immediately after the shock. The Rev. J. H. Hall happened to be passing and reached him as soon as he could stop his car and get across the road.

Mr. Adkins was a member of the Indian Graves Baptist Church and his funeral was conducted from the church at 3 p. m. Friday, the Rev. J. H. Hall officiating.

Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday

Mrs. Dave Phillips, widow, has passed her ninetieth milestone and in celebrating the event her near friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Ed Matthews on the Fancy Gap road Sunday where a birthday dinner was served in a grove near the home.

Dies Following Dose of Poison

Mrs. John Wagoner Passed Away Friday

Mrs. John Wagoner, whose attempted suicide by taking two spoonful of lye was reported in our issue of last week passed away about 9:30 o'clock Friday morning at her home in this city.

She was conscious most of the time and made plans for her burial which were carried out by her heartbroken relatives.

Surviving besides her husband and five children are her mother Mrs. Israel Stults, two sisters and three brothers. Two brothers live in Moore county and one of the sisters in Ohio.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday by Rev. T. W. Bryant and Rev. Roy Ferguson and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Pine Hill Church.

Open-Air Concert Tuesday Night

The Mount Airy band announces that it will give an open-air concert on the band stand on South Main street next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. This is the first of a series of open-air free concerts that the local boys will stage during the summer months for the benefit of the public. Show your appreciation of their work by attending.

Tobacco People Now On Georgia Markets

Many of the tobacco warehousemen and buyers of this county are now on the markets of South Carolina and Georgia where some are operating warehouses, others buying on the floor and some on the ground just to make observations as to market conditions.

E. L. Brown, of Planters Warehouse, left Monday to spend a few weeks at Nashville, Ga., to get a line-up on the market. Before leaving he promised to write a letter back to The News about the conditions he found there.

Surry Loses Splendid Citizen.

Alexander Franklin Snoddy was born March 23, 1846 and departed this life July 1, 1929, making his stay on earth 83 years, 3 mos. and 20 days. He leaves a wife, one daughter and two sons and grandchildren to mourn his loss. One son preceded him by death about nine years ago.

He has lived on the farm upon which he was born all his life. His is the enviable lot and portion of the patriarch of old. He has enjoyed his declining years in the abundance and plenty created by his own labors, surrounded by wife, children, grandchildren and friends, an honored and revered figure.

He acquired his early education in the log cabin schools, the only facilities available at that time which he attended until the age of 14 years when he took up the duties of life but he never ceased to learn; he was a profound student all through his life and acquired a store of knowledge that would do credit to a person that had enjoyed the best advantages.

He has always been deeply interested in local, state and national affairs and has kept in close touch with all of them until stricken two weeks ago.

He professed a hope in Christ a number of years ago and has lived the faith. He was devoted to his home, family and friends and ever in sympathy with those in need and distress. His advice and counsel was valuable and worthy of emulation.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Snoddy Sunday at 3 p. m. with Rev. J. H. Hall officiating assisted by Dr. J. Thomas Smith at the Indian Graves Baptist Church and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery near by.

21 Claims Against Reynolds Tobacco Company Are Filed

Raleigh, July 16.—Twenty-one claims for compensation have come in since Monday morning from employes of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company of Winston-Salem. It was learned today at the offices of the state industrial commission, administrators of the workmen's compensation act.

Fifteen of the 21 claims came in Monday, making the largest single batch of claims to come in from employes of one concern since the compensation law became effective July 1. None of the claims involved serious injuries.

Eight employes of the Champion Fibre company at Canton are also claiming compensation for injury, including one \$30 a week employe who lost his foot and who will get compensation at the rate of \$13 a week for 120 weeks in addition to all medical expenses.

Farmers Meet at Dobson With New County Agent

Woodmen Pay Death Benefit

Father of Oliver Crissman Receives Check for Death of Son in Auto Wreck

William Crissman, farmer of Siloam, was this week handed a check for \$4,000 by Geo. A. Bowman, clerk of the local Woodmen of the World camp, satisfying the death benefit policy carried by Mr. Crissman's son, Oliver, who was killed in an automobile accident on the Fancy Gap road on May 26th. Young Crissman suffered a fractured skull when the car in which he was riding turned over, dying from the injury a few hours after the accident. The policy he carried with the fraternal order was for \$2,000 but his estate collected double that amount for accidental death.

The doctor's and undertaker's affidavits made to the claim agent of the Woodmen showed that the young man had died of a fractured skull, but there yet remained no proof that he was in an automobile accident. The fact that the victim died as a result of an accident was substantiated by Mr. Bowman attaching a copy of The News to his papers which contained an account of the wreck, and the claim for double indemnity was immediately passed.

Handsome Prize Offered Golfers

As one of the features of Prather's July Clearance Sale which started this week Mr. Prather is staging a golf tournament at the Mount Airy Country Club for the benefit of those who play golf. The tournament will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday and will be held under the rules and directions of the golf pro. Handicaps will be set for the players and all will be on an even footing at the start. Play will be for 18 holes and the person making the lowest net score will be awarded by Mr. Prather's firm a \$50 golf suit made by the tailoring firm of Ed V. Price & Co.

This is one of the most attractive prizes yet offered the golfers of this city and the approaching tournament is already creating much interest.

Off On Fishing Trip to Norfolk

It is a far way from the life of the politician to that of a fisherman, but that is just what has happened to Sheriff C. H. Haynes. He left this city Monday in company with Claude Flippin, Will Monday and Prof. L. B. Pendergraph to spend a week around Norfolk fishing. En route they traveled around through the valley of Virginia and before returning will visit some of the cities of the north. We will let the professor make the report for his friends when he returns.

MASONIC PICNIC AT ELKIN TO BE INTERESTING EVENT; AUG. 1st

The Surry-Yadkin Masonic Picnic will be held this year at Elkin on Thursday, August 1st. The net proceeds derived from all sources of revenue at this picnic is sent to the Oxford Orphanage to be used for the benefit of the orphan children who are under the care of the Oxford Orphanage.

The picnic has been functioning for the past nine years and it is hoped that this year the attendance will be very much larger than it has been in previous years.

Mr. W. S. Reich was the Manager for the picnic for the past nine years and a few weeks ago Mr. Reich tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Masons and J. F. Hendren was elected General Manager.

The attractions this year will consist of the Fort Bragg Military Band, which is said to be one of the best bands used by the U. S. Army, there being thirty members of this band, including the Band Master and the management of the picnic is happy to state that the Fort Bragg Military Band will furnish the music on August 1st of this year.

The singing class from Oxford Orphanage which always gives a very attractive program will give a concert right after dinner, is served on the picnic grounds.

In the afternoon at the close of the program at the picnic ground in West Elkin, there will be two games of baseball on the baseball ground in Elkin. The first game will be by the Chatham Manufacturing Co., vs Walnut Cove and the second game will be by Walnut

Finds People Ready To Help in Work

An enthusiastic gathering of farmers of the county met at Dobson last Saturday afternoon in answer to a call of the county agent, V. C. Taylor, and a lengthy and open discussion of the needs of the farmers was entered into. Eighteen members of the new Agricultural Advisory board were present and all the townships except three were represented.

Mr. Taylor made a very interesting address and in his remarks he urged that a campaign be put on for a greater yield of corn, wheat and barley, that better homes and home conditions be promoted and encouraged, and that the scrub cattle be replaced with pure bred stock. Already Mr. Taylor says he has seen enough and talked with the farmers enough to learn that the work in the county will keep him on the go all the time. In addition to the work he will do among the farmers of the county he advocates more courses along agricultural lines in our county high schools, stating that each high school should have an agricultural teacher.

W. E. Lindsey, chairman of the board of county commissioners, in an address to the farmers made a plea for cooperation and pledged his support in the movement to improve farming conditions. The superintendent of the Klondike farm, Mr. Fyron, discussed cattle raising and dairy farming. J. M. Gentry of near Elkin advocated the growing of red clover for soil improvement and recounted a valuable experiment he had carried out with its planting. Prof. W. B. White, agricultural instructor in the Dobson high school, volunteered his help in the farm work of the county, and J. W. Lovill, warehouseman of Mount Airy, spoke on the study and analysis of the soil in the county. This he said had a very important bearing on the quality of tobacco that is produced on our farms.

W. E. Merritt, a member of the board, and a large farmer as well as successful business man, saw as the greatest need the improvement of the soil by growing cover crops and the rotation of the market crops.

No officers of the board were elected it being postponed until the next meeting which will be Aug. 5, at 2 P. M. at Dobson.

Mr. Fyron was named as a delegate to the State Farmers meeting to be held at Raleigh July 24th.

County Agent Taylor announced the following office hours and appointments in the county at which times and places he will be glad to render any service he can to visitors to his office: First and third Saturdays in each month at city hall in Mount Airy. Second Saturdays at Pilot Mountain. Fourth Saturdays at Elkin.

F. S. Rothrock and daughters, Misses Leslie and Louise, spent last week end at Alton, Va. Mr. Rothrock reports that en route he observed that tobacco and other crops were the best he had seen them for several years.