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## GRANVILLE COUNTY'S TAX RATE

**THE SCHOOL TAX REMAINS SAME AS LAST YEAR**

The Board Names Mr. C. R. Gordon to Get Up the Delinquent List—Sign Board to be Erected.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met Monday, July 9th for the purpose of receiving the tax books and making the tax levy, the following members being present:

Messrs. E. C. Harris, chairman; T. G. Taylor, W. E. Cannady, J. L. Daniel, R. D. Hart.

### List Takers Report.

The following list takers made their returns:

Sassafras Fork ..... F. H. Gregory  
Walnut Grove (not returned) ..... Wm. Thorpe.  
Dutchville ..... J. L. Peed  
Tally Ho ..... L. L. Gordon  
Fishing Creek ..... C. R. Gordon  
Brassfield ..... W. M. Jenkins  
Salem ..... L. G. Breedlove  
Oak Hill ..... J. S. Watkins

### After Delinquents.

The Register of Deeds was instructed to secure the services of some competent person under Section 82, Chapter 234, Public Laws 1917, to get up delinquent list and to report the list to the Commissioners at their regular meeting in August.

The Clerk was instructed to add 25 per cent to the taxes of all delinquents.

The Clerk was instructed to receive the tax books from any township when completed, not having been returned at this meeting.

The following tax levy was made for the year 1917:

### Poll Tax

General School	.....\$1.35
Special School	..... .15
Support of Poor	..... .38
Pensions	..... .12
Total	.....\$2.00

### Property Tax

State 23 2-3 on each \$100 of property	.....23 2-3
Pension 4c on each \$100 of property	..... 4
School 25c on each \$100 of property	.....25
County 17c on each \$100 of property	.....17
Roads 30 1-3 on each \$100 of property	.....30 1-3
Total	.....\$1.00

In addition to the above levy a levy of 5c on each \$100.00 property was passed upon Oxford and Salem townships for interest and principal of Oxford and Clarksville railroad bonds.

The levy under Schedule B. and C. same as levy by State except prohibited by State and no tax on stallions and jacks.

### School Tax Same.

The Board of Education through the superintendent of Public Schools, Prof. J. F. Webb, requested a 5c increase in the school tax levy, that is increasing it to 30c. The Board of Commissioners refused and ordered the levy to remain the same as last year—25c on the \$100.

The Clerk was instructed to secure the services of C. R. Gordon to get up the delinquent list.

### Penalty for Delinquents.

Delinquents will be allowed to list before the Register of Deeds during July of this year. After that date the books will be in the hands of C. R. Gordon and all delinquents will be presented to the Grand Jury.

### Sign Boards.

Chairman Harris was appointed a committee to ascertain the distance and the location for the sign boards to be erected on the roads of the county and take charge of all other work necessary to the erection of said sign boards.

### LAST NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS

You will be allowed to list your taxes during July 1917 by applying to J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds. After that date, all delinquents will be ascertained and charged with 25 per cent additional taxes. This is according to law, and we must enforce it. Don't impose this burden on the board.

E. C. HARRIS, Chm.

### A Pointer For You.

Hoover says Save Food. See also on fifth page of this paper what Upchurch & Currin say.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR TOBACCO.

Sales Have Begun, Best Specimens of Weed Bring 26 Cents.

"Many sales of yellow leaf tobacco have been reported from various towns in eastern Carolina and from all sides come reports that regular warehouse sales will begin between now and the middle of the month throughout the belt. The warehouses of some of the tobacco towns will open this week, and within thirty days the whole of this incomparable portion of the Nation's Garden Spot will be flushed with tobacco—the fourth money crop of the season," says the Wilmington Star. "The initial sales in some of the nearby markets indicate good prices, some of the best of early weed having sold for 26 cents a pound. Lugs have sold at from 10 to 14 cents."

A number of tobacco men left this section of the State Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning for various parts of South Carolina to be at the opening of the market Thursday. No report of the sales on the opening day has as yet reached Oxford, but the general belief is that the tobacco will sell high this year, and that the prospects are for an even greater demand and better prices than prevailed a year ago. The 1915 crop brought probably the best prices of recent years, with the exception of the high level of 1913; but war and the demand for the weed is believed sufficient cause for higher figures than prevailed last year.

## FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

**Elect New Moderator and Clerk—1918 Session Will Be Held at Virgilina.**

The two day's session of the Flat River Association, held at Olive Branch Church this week was full of interest.

Judge Devin retires at moderator and the Association elected Mr. C. D. Ray. Capt. Jack Howard, for many years secretary of the Association is succeeded by Rev. E. G. Usry. The meeting next year will be held at Virgilina.

Some facts and figures will be published in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

## MACHINE GUN DEMONSTRATION.

**On National Highway Near Oxford Next Saturday Afternoon.**

Capt. Thad G. Stem, captain of the Machine Gun Company, Third Regiment, has arranged for a public exhibition of the gun next Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. The firing squad will be stationed at a point on the National Highway near the Fair Grounds. This point was selected because of the security the hillside nearby furnishes as a protection to the public.

The public on this occasion will see a modern rapid-fire gun in action.

## OXFORD BOY IN PHILADELPHIA

**Manager of an Extensive Peanut Plant.**

Mr. Sheppard Booth, the fine son of Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, who left Oxford some time ago and settled in Philadelphia, is now the manager of a large peanut plant in that city. The immense building on Delaware Avenue, devoted exclusively to the industry, caught fire last week and destroyed the two top floors. The Philadelphia papers carry a story of the heroic work of Mr. Booth and the large number of employees.

## REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

**Mr. J. S. Bradsher Establishes Office in Oxford.**

Mr. J. S. Bradsher, former cashier of the Union Bank, has opened an office on the second floor of the new Hall Building at the corner of College and Hillsboro streets for the purpose of handling real estate and insurance.

Mr. Bradsher is well known to the people of this section. His square dealings has won for him many friends, and those who desire inside information relative to real estate and insurance will receive prompt and courteous treatment at his hands. See announcement on 5th page of this paper.

## PEACHES FOR SALLE.

I will be in Oxford Tuesday, July 17, with a nice lot of peaches that I will sell right from the wagon for \$1.00 per bushel. (adv) H. P. WEBB

## LOUD CALL COMES TO WOMEN

**WOMAN'S COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY.**

Mrs. A. H. Powell Calls Large Number of Women to Meet at Oxford Baptist Church.

An important organization meeting of the Granville County Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense will be held Tuesday, July 17th at 5 o'clock at the Oxford Baptist church.

Mrs. Palmer Jernan, a gracious lady of National importance, is expected to attend the meeting.

Mrs. A. H. Powell is temporary chairman of the Granville County Committee, and through the press has given notice of the meeting, and the names of those who have been chosen to serve on the organization committees. If there is any woman of Oxford or Granville County interested in the Council of National Defense whose names are not in the list given, they are cordially urged to be present at the meeting Tuesday. Following are the names of those called from the various Woman's Organizations of Oxford and Granville county:

### Woman's Club

Mrs. John Webb, President; Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Mrs. F. M. Blacklock, Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Mrs. R. L. Brown.

### Red Cross

Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert, chairman; Mrs. Cliff Robards, Mrs. I. W. Mangum, Mrs. Louis De la Croix, Miss Nette Gregory.

### King's Daughters

Mrs. C. G. Elliot, Leader; Mrs. Cam Beaton, Mrs. Huzek, Mrs. R. P. Taylor, Miss Belle Cooper.

### Woman's Literary

Mrs. W. B. Ballou, President; Mrs. J. W. Horner, Mrs. A. L. Capehart, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Mrs. A. A. Hicks.

### Shakespeare Club

Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall, Mrs. H. O. Furman, Mrs. John Booth, Miss Susan Graham, Mrs. E. K. Lassiter.

### Embroidery Club

Mrs. S. K. Phillips, Miss Evelyn Howell, Miss Helen White, Mrs. W. T. Yancey.

**Woman's Missionary Society Bapt. Ch.**

Mrs. S. H. Cannady, president; Mrs. Jack Howard, Mrs. B. E. Taylor, Mrs. Upchurch, Mrs. Sam Watkins.

**Ladies' Aid Society—Baptist Church**

Mrs. A. H. Powell, president; Mrs. D. A. Coble, Mrs. I. W. Cannady, Mrs. W. T. Lee, Mrs. C. D. Ray.

**Philatheas—Baptist Church**

Mrs. J. M. Blalock, president; Mrs. Harry Williams, Miss Gray Yancey, Mrs. W. D. Reeves, Mrs. W. T. Lee.

**Y. W. A.—Baptist Church**

Miss Ruth Shaw, Miss Ruth Taylor, Miss Isabel Parham, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Mary Royal Hancock.

**Woman's Missionary Society—St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

Mrs. H. Lewis, president; Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Mrs. Louis Thorpe.

**Ladies Aid Society—St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, president; Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mrs. Annie Landis, Mrs. T. W. Winston, Mrs. J. B. Powell, Mrs. John Booth.

**Woman's Missionary Society—Methodist Church**

Mrs. J. P. Floyd, president; Mrs. N. H. Cannady, Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. T. White, Mrs. Ellis.

**Maria Brown Missionary Society—M. E. Church**

Mrs. Kerr Taylor, president; Mrs. K. L. Street, Mrs. T. G. Stem, Mrs. Elbert Crews, Mrs. W. N. Thomas.

**Woman's Auxiliary—Presbyterian Church**

Mrs. C. E. Brown.

**Ladies' Aid Society—Presbyterian Church**

Miss Belle Cooper, president; Mrs. W. J. Long, Mrs. W. D. Bryan, Mrs. Salls, Mrs. Harte, Mrs. I. W. Mangum, Mrs. W. T. Yancey.

**From the County Townships.**

**Stovall.**

Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. W. S. White, Miss Annie Gregory.

**Stem.**

Mrs. H. P. Hardee, Mrs. Gooch.

**Providence.**

Mrs. Willie Lee Currin, Mrs. Kimball, Miss Mary Rennie.

**Wetmore.**

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Whitefield, Mrs. Will Gooch.

**Creedmoor.**

Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mrs. O. B. Allen.

**Enon.**

Mrs. Fred Currin, Miss Lena Gooch, Mrs. Ben Thorpe, Mrs. Titus Currin.

**Culbreth.**

Mrs. Ed. M. Clement, Mrs. D. Meadows.

**Caltolina.**

Mrs. W. T. Caltton, Mrs. L. B. McFarland.

**Salem.**

Mrs. Ea. Hunt, Mrs. Hamlin Cheat-ham.

**Howard—Oxford Route 1.**

Mrs. Ethel Daniel.

**Bullock.**

Mrs. Pitt Royster, Mrs. George Royster.

**Virgilina.**

Mrs. W. P. Marrow, Mrs. W. L. Plar-be.

## BETHMANN HOLLWIG RESIGNS

**THE KAISER REALIZES SITUATION IS SERIOUS.**

Berne, Switzerland, (British Admiralty Per Wireless Press), July 12.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg has resigned. Emperor William, the newspaper adds, has postponed his decision whether to accept the resignation.

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## SAD DEATH OF GRANVILLE MAN.

**Accidental Discharge of Pistol Ends Life of Mr. G. B. Crews.**

The people of Granville county were shocked beyond measure when they read in the daily papers Thursday morning the following special telegram sent out from Norlina, dated July 11:

"G. B. Crews, agent for the Seaboard Railroad at this place, attempted suicide this afternoon about 6:15 o'clock by shooting himself through the mouth with a 25-calibre automatic pistol. As soon as the deed was committed medical aid was rendered by Drs. Morton and Packard and he was started on a special train to St. Lukes Hospital at Richmond but he died on the train at Bracey, about 15 miles from here.

"Mr. Crews was alone in his office at the station when the shot was fired there being no eye witness. Gordon Hall, who is employed by the Southern Express Company was the first to reach him at once called the doctors.

"Mr. Crews left no intimation as to why he wished to take his own life but it is generally thought that despondency over business affairs was the trouble. His remains were returned to Norlina and prepared for burial. He is survived by his wife and one child. Mr. Crews has been here as agent for about two months and has favorably impressed those coming in contact with him. The tragedy cast a gloom over the town."

## Funeral at Tar River.

Mr. C. B. Crews was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crews, of Tar River. The remains reached the parental home Thursday amid genuine sorrow of the entire countryside, where the good name of the deceased was revered by everyone. The funeral will take place this Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence of the bereaved parents. The Masons from Littleton, Norlina and Oxford will attend the funeral. The interment will be in the family plot.

## Death Was Accidental.

The deceased was a young man of exceptional character and possessed a cheerful disposition. It is hard to believe that he took his life, and it is believed that if the truth was known it would prove to be purely accidental. His entire life was such as to inspire confidence and admiration, and as there was no one present when the shot was fired it does appear that Mr. Crews was the victim of an accident.

The hearts of everyone in the entire community goes out in sorrow for the bereaved family.

## ANOTHER BOLD ROBBERY

**Flourish Gun in the Face of a Lady.**

Shortly after sunset last Wednesday evening, Mr. Eugene Moss manager of the Granville Experimental Station, situated one mile west of Oxford on the National Highway, desired to make a quick trip to town in his automobile. Just as he got ready to leave the house, two lady friends of the family drove up in their auto, and Mr. Moss was greatly relieved to know that Mrs. Moss would have good company until he returned from town. He did not get back as soon as he expected and the two lady visitors departed for home, leaving Mrs. Moss alone. Just as the car in which the ladies were seated left the grounds, another automobile entered the grounds and when it arrived at the house Mrs. Moss went out to greet her husband, but to her great surprise she discovered two strangers seated in the car. "What does this mean?" demanded Mrs. Moss.

"It means that we know Mr. Moss is not at home and you had better get into the house as soon as possible," said the robbers.

Mrs. Moss returned to the house and the robbers went to the chicken house and got twenty of her finest chickens and threw them into the automobile and departed.

There were no lights and Mrs. Moss could not tell whether they were white or colored.

12.—An official communication issued in Berlin yesterday says Emperor William expressed the opinion that the political and constitutional reforms demanded by the Reichstag are such as that they concern not merely himself but his successor, inasmuch as they would be permanent.

## GET READY FOR LATE CROPS

**THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION URGES THE FARMERS TO ACTIVITY.**

**It Becomes More Apparent Every Day That Every Pound of Foodstuff Raised is Going to be Needed.**

The tobacco farmers of this section are being urged by the State food conservation commission to utilize their tobacco lands for a food or feed crop to be planted at the time and harvest in the early fall.

The cultivation of tobacco has been practically finished in some sections and practically the entire crop will be out of the field within a few weeks. It is pointed out that a feed crop could be planted in alternate middles in tobacco fields, leaving every other middle, for the handling of the crop. There is quite a number of crops which might yet be planted that will mature before frost. Probably the most suitable for this section are cowpeas and soybeans, while sorghum for forage, corn and potatoes could also be grown. Corn and soybeans would have to be planted immediately if they are expected to mature a crop of grain. There is ample time yet to plant snap beans and turnips may be planted much later.

The North Carolina food conservation commission states that it becomes more and more apparent every day that every pound of foodstuffs that can possibly be raised is going to be needed for the successful prosecution of the war and to prevent the starvation of the people in Europe and the suffering of thousands of people.

A pound of corn, beans, peas or potatoes is of much importance in the war as a bullet. A bag of flour or meal of beans sent to France will do more good than a 10-inch shell. The more food supplies this country can send to Europe the fewer soldiers she will have to send and the shorter will be the war.

"Our country needs every pound of foodstuff that can possibly be produced," writes Secretary Lucas of the North Carolina food conservation commission, "and our people must realize that each one of us has an individual responsibility and duty in this crisis."

"There will be labor of man and beast available on our tobacco farms after the cultivation of the tobacco crop has been finished and this labor should be utilized to the utmost for the production of food and feed products. Our farmers will not only be failing in their duty to their country and civilization but they will be neglecting a very unusual opportunity for profit if they fail to plant every foot of ground possible."

## ROBBERS ENTER SMOKEHOUSE.

**Took All the Meat Mr. Gooch Had.**

Thieves one night this week entered the smoke house of Mr. Edward N. Gooch, at Wilton, and took all the meat he had. Among the seventeen pieces of fine meat, there were thirteen large hams carried away by the robbers.

## "Princess Winsome."

The Public Ledger acknowledges with thanks a beautiful write-up of "The Rescue of Princess Winsome," a play given by the young girls for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. This reached up rather late for this issue, but we promise our dear little friends that it will appear in our next issue, and we hope it will inspire others to imitate them in good works.

## A CASE FOR THE MAYOR.

**Some One Destroys Young Tree in Parkway.**

Thursday night someone drove an automobile across the Main street parkway in front of Dr. E. T. White's residence and destroyed one of the young maple trees and did other damage. This is a case for Chief Hobgood.

Miss Jessie White is in Raleigh, the guest of Mrs. B. F. Knott.

—Can! Summer investment of time and money, small; winter returns in food and health, large.