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Yadkin County Tax Rate Reduced to 70 Cents

County Fathers Retain Nurses, Add Farm Demonstrator and Then Reduce Tax 10 Cents

The tax rate for Yadkin county this year will be 70c instead of 80c on the \$100.00 valuation. That is good news.

In spite of the fact that the valuation of the property of Yadkin county declined over \$600,000.00 since last year the Board of County Commissioners have been able through rigid economy in every department of county government to reduce the tax rate of the county from 80c on the \$100.00 valuation to 70c on the \$100.00 for the year 1932. This means that the taxpayers will pay several thousand dollars less in taxes for the year 1932 than they did in the year 1931.

This action was taken by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday after they had given much study to the County budget and after the budget was given final approval.

The budget contains the provision that the county nurses will be retained for the coming year at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. The balance of the salary to be paid by the State and Federal governments and by private donations from interested citizens. The commissioners in passing on this question took into consideration the fact that a great many citizens had petitioned them for the retention of the nurses and the further fact that the county will save over a period of 3 years more than \$1,000.00 in vaccination alone by letting the nurses do the vaccinating, much less the many other things the nurses do in health work, such as clinics of all kinds, etc.

Included in the budget also is the provision that L. F. Brumfield, former county farm demonstrator, will return to his former position at a cost to the county not to exceed \$500.00 for the year. The balance of his salary to be paid by the State and Federal governments and by private donations from interested citizens. The Commissioners had devoted much study to this item of the budget. They had had the matter under consideration for several months and had heard many delegations on the matter for and against, but when it was determined that the county could resume this work for \$600.00 less than it formerly cost and at the same time reduce the tax rate 10c on the \$100.00 and that many citizens wanted it to the extent that they were willing to make private donations to help pay his salary and the average taxpayer pays on a valuation of round \$2,000.00 and therefore the average taxpayer would only have to pay about 10c a year for farm demonstrator, the commissioners decided to include this item in the 1932 budget.

Our citizens will receive the news that our tax rate has been cut 10c and that they will have to pay less taxes next year than this year, and at the same time no county department crippled, with much encouragement and praise, for our county fathers in the manner in which they are using rigid economy, and other means for the relief of our taxpayers.

AGED WAR VETERAN TO SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Philadelphia, July 23.—Harry Gosman is an old tar—temporarily in drydock in the Naval Home—but he is still young at heart. A veteran of the War Between the States, he is 87 years old.

Recently he decided he wanted to use his money to help young people, so he established two scholarships at Temple University.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT C. H. HOWARD

Whereas Almighty God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe on July 23, 1932, in his divine and far seeing Wisdom has seen fit and proper to summons our devoted Friend and Brother, C. H. Howard, from his earthly labors to reap his reward in that World beyond, from whose portal no traveler returns. Be it resolved:

1st: That we have lost a most excellent member, the community, a genuine Friend, the Church and Sunday School, a most efficient worker, and a generous Supporter, the State a Patriot Citizen, and the world an humble Christian.

2nd: That we mourn our loss and hereby offer our sympathies to the aged father and mother, the heart broken wife and children, the brothers and sisters, and we pray Almighty God that his divine consolation and peace may rest and abide with each of them.

3rd: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge and one sent to the bereaved family and one to the Yadkin Ripple for publication.

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LARGE POTATO CROP AT STATE HOSPITAL

The farm at State Hospital, Morganton, has just finished gathering one of the finest crops of Irish potatoes that has ever been produced there, according to George T. Perkins, farm superintendent. They have gathered and stored 5,200 bushels.

This crop grew on 30 acres of the State Hospital farm land. They have been gathering 30 bushels of potatoes a day for table use since June 1. This makes the yield for the year average about 200 bushels to the acre.

The potatoes are of excellent quality, 90 per cent of them average grade No. 1. If no loss results in storage this will be enough Irish potatoes to supply the hospital during the coming year.

The hospital farm also has 30 acres planted in sweet potatoes this year. They set 6,000 slips to the acre which makes a total of 180,000 slips set. If this yield is good there will be enough sweet potatoes to run the hospital this year also. Preparations are being made now to cure and store the crop.

The hospital is serving a good many roasting ears to the patients now. To be exact, it is serving 75 bushels every meal they are served. This corn is also grown on the State Hospital farm.

HOPE HELD FOR BOY BLINDED BY LIQUOR

San Francisco, July 23.—Physicians offer hope that Hugh Roberts, Santa Rosa Junior College track and football star, will regain his sight. The boy was blinded by poisonous liquor.

ITALY AND JUGO-SLAVIA START TRADE PROGRAM

Rome, July.—Italy and Jugo-Slavia have established a commission to work out the settlement of commercial balances between exporters and importers of the two countries.

Restrictions on these free movement of foreign valuta led to the agreement.

NOTICE

The County Nurses announce that the second series of Baby Clinics and vaccinations against Diphtheria will be held at the following places:

Courtney School, August 22nd., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Jonesville School, August 23rd., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Boonville School, August 24th., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

East Bend School, August 25th., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Yadkinville School, August 26th., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Hamptonville School, August 29th., from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Also, that office hours will be held every week at the following places for any service to the people of Yadkin County, including free vaccination for Typhoid, Diphtheria and Smallpox:

Jonesville School Building, Tuesdays, 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Boonville School Building, Wednesdays, 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

East Bend School Building, Thursdays, 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Yadkinville, Courthouse, Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

YADKIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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CROPS ARE RUINED BY HAIL IN ELKIN AREA

Elkin, July 30.—Detailed reports today of the rainstorm which yesterday broke a drought of weeks and tempered a heat wave of extraordinary intensity in this foothill country, tell a story of destruction to field crops and fine timber and extensive damage to buildings in communities just outside of Elkin.

From the Swan Creek community of Yadkin comes information of great fields of tobacco torn into shreds by a deluge of hail and high winds which accompanied a torrential downpour of rain and a spectacular electrical discharge. In a stretch of several miles in breadth, spreading from an area of about one mile south of this city, across to Swan Creek, Marler and eastward to Booneville, damage to crops is said to have been heavy with tobacco crops on many farms totally ruined.

Barn and outbuildings were unroofed by the high wind and in occasional instances moved from their foundations. In one home, at least, near Swan Creek, many windows were blown and beaten to atoms by the wind and hail. W. T. Myers, merchant of this city, who is the owner of a valuable farm in the vicinity of Swan Creek, reports a disastrous loss with his entire tobacco crop destroyed, corn seriously damaged and large barns wrecked.

The chicken coop factory and general repair shop of J. M. Myers, at Swan Creek, was extensively damaged.

In the Marler section and Pea Ridge reports indicate deplorable damage to farm crops.

From Little Richmond, 6 miles east of here, on to Rockford and across to East Bend, reports come of destruction to crops from the deluge of hail. Watermelons pierced to the heart by the pelting hail were displayed on the streets today.

The storm vented its fury on the north side of Elkin at the same time and reports come of a considerable fall of hail from Thurmond on the top of the Blue Ridge and high winds which felled to the ground huge trees in the Roaring Gap section.

TWO BABY RABBITS THRIVE ON BOTTLE

New Castle, Pa., July.—Eight two-day old baby rabbits, their eyes not yet open, were fed with a nursing bottle after they were found near here by Alex I. Donnan.

The "orphans" were reported thriving.

FIVE FORK NEWS

Misses Levie Pendry, Mae Davis and Joyce Martin spent Sunday with Misses Jessie Smitherman.

Miss Blanche Hinshaw spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Ruth Smitherman.

Miss Josephine Choplin and Miss Ruth Smitherman spent Saturday night with Miss Cora Zettie Hobson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Smitherman and family, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smitherman.

Mrs. Nancy Smitherman is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smitherman.

Mrs. W. A. Russell and children were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinshaw Saturday night.

Mrs. Bessie Hill, of Winston-Salem, is spending this week with Mrs. J. M. Davis and family.

MAN AND MULE LABOR TO BE USED ON ROADS

Raleigh, July 31.—"Man and Mule labor will return to their own in the highway construction program soon to be undertaken in this state under the provisions of emergency relief act," Chairman E. B. Jeffress said today, in trying to comply with the requirement to "provide the maximum employment of local labor consistent with reasonable economy of construction."

Regulations supplementing former rules have been received, which require that all work possible be done by hand and by team labor, that as to unskilled labor, ex-service men with dependents be given preference, then in order, residents of the county, adjoining counties of the state, the contractors to employ workers from lists furnished by county relief agencies, when available. No state lines are drawn regarding skilled labor.

While the employees may not work more than 30 hours a week, requiring two shifts, and the State Highway commission fixes minimum wages for skilled and unskilled labor, other regulations prevent boarding houses from charging an unusually high rate for board and rooms, and charges for hauling workers to and from living places are limited to railroad or bus fares. The regulations specify minutely what kinds of labor must be done by hand and by teams, and when and how machinery may be used, reducing that to a minimum. It will be a return of labor conditions prevailing two or three decades ago.

Chairman Jeffress states that cheaper types of work will be done, much of it to be of the "mixed-in-place" type, new but approved for most roads. It is of crushed stone to about two inches in size, a layer of which is placed on the roadbed and asphalt worked into it thoroughly. With a good bed, this becomes hard, even and smooth. It costs \$5,000 a mile or less and can be done with a large percentage of hand labor.

Change Road Slope

Moreover, Chairman Jeffress states that North Carolina roads from now on are to be built without the heavy slope from the center. One inch higher in the center is sufficient for slow and easy drainage, and prevents wasting out and forming the "washboard" effect. "The greater the slope the deeper the cuts" is an axiom that will be reversed. Concrete shoulders will be eliminated in future construction for "mixed-in-place," oiled sandclay and gravel roads, the driving surface easing off into shallow side ditches, thus saving thousands of dollars in maintenance.

August 16 is the date set for receiving bids and awarding contracts on the \$1,000,000 in projects ready. Others will follow rapidly for two or three months.

GARNER FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of John Garner, Sr. who lived on the waters of Dutchman Creek, in Rowan County, in the period of the early settlers and during the Revolutionary war, will hold a reunion on Sunday, August 7th. on the church lawn of Cross Roads Church, at Courtney, Yadkin County. All Garners and their families and friends are invited to attend. A picnic dinner will be served and all are requested to bring baskets.

FIFTEEN MEN KILLED BY POISONED WHISKY

New York, July 30.—Struck first blind and then dead by poison liquor, the bodies of 15 men lay in the morgue today while a squad of detectives scoured the lower east side for the source of the stuff.

The homicide squad was roused to action when first one dying victim and then another was found sprawled in east side parks, surrounded by swarms of playing children.

In five cases death already had come, and the 10 others died within a few hours after their removal to a hospital.

Chemical analysis of the first eight cases disclosed wood alcohol.

Police theorized the poison had been sold by cheap east side liquor peddlers.

315-MILE AIR JOURNEY COST HIM ONE DOLLAR

Columbus, Ohio, July.—Dr. Andrew W. Speer, of Wilkinsburg, W. Va., got the world's greatest bargain in airplane rides. He flew from Pittsburgh to Columbus and return for \$1.

Dr. Speer went to the air field for a \$1 pleasure ride. He got in the wrong plane, a Transport ship bound for Columbus.

Airplane officials gave him a free return ticket. His trip totaled 315 miles.

DOG SAVES BABY FROM RATTLESNAKE

Dayton, Ohio, July 23.—A female Doberman Pinscher is in the dog hospital today after saving 3-year-old Gene Boldman from the venomous fangs of a rattlesnake.

The dog, Myra V. Stolzenvoss, thrice pulled the child to safety by the seat of his rompers. When her charge persisted a fourth time in reaching for a red rose, the dog lashed through the bush and sank her teeth into a coiled rattler that lay beneath it.

The snake was slain, the dog bitten.

HONEY BEES MAKING HOME BREW LIQUID

Burlington.—Andrew Leath, a dry of desert aridity, is worried about his bees. They are industriously manufacturing home-brew honey.

Mr. Leath is more than a temperate man, his friends say, and it is needless to question what he says.

During the spring and summer months when the flowers are blooming he enjoys watching his bees work, just as he enjoyed in years gone by the sparks from the white iron he fashioned at his trade. His bees have worked hard this summer. One day he took a look to see how much honey was in storage.

"It was black. It smelled like home-brew. It tasted like home-brew. It is unfit for anything," Mr. Leath said.

Mr. Leath believes that his bees are foraging some place where home brew slops are poured out, returning home loaded with supplies that simply ruin their effort. He is considering selling his bees, unless they quit the home-brew racket, for he will have nothing to do with it and doesn't want his hives "pinched" for violation of the Volstead law.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED

Statesville, July 31.—The body of an unidentified white man, 25 or 30 years of age was found early today on the Southern Railway tracks on Diamond Hill, East Statesville. Acting Coroner N. D. Tomlin held an inquest at 10 o'clock this morning, the jury finding that the unknown young man had met instant death when he fell from an eastbound freight train. His body badly mangled and scattered along the tracks for more than a hundred yards. It was first discovered by a negro man about 6 o'clock this morning. Hundreds of persons from numerous towns in this part of the state viewed remains at Johnson's Funeral home this afternoon but none were able to identify the stranger. Nothing was found on his person to identify him. A paper bearing the name of Mrs. Alice Blount, of Spencer was found on the ground near the body. The dead man was apparently a laboring man about 5 feet ten inches tall, with dark brown hair and blue eyes and smooth face.

COWS FAR NORTH WEAR SPECTACLES

The latest idea in looking after big herds of cattle in the far north is to provide the animals with spectacles.

Apparently many cattle are lost in northern Russia every winter because they cannot keep their eyes open in the blizzards, and being unable to see, are separated from the main herd. The spectacles are meant to prevent this happening. The cattle get accustomed to them just as horses do to blinkers, and after a time make no attempt to rid themselves of the goggles.

But cattle have been fitted with spectacles before as a protection against winter in the north. The previous type of goggles, however, was designed primarily to guard their eyes from the glare of the sun on the snow.

3 DAYS BETWEEN BIRTH OF TWINS

New York, July 30.—Three days after Mrs. Harold E. Brown gave birth to a daughter in Wadsworth hospital a second daughter arrived.

The first baby, born Monday morning, weighed five pounds and ten ounces, and had black hair. The second arriving Thursday morning, had red hair and weighed six pounds and 12 ounces.

Aside from the hair and features, which also were dissimilar, physicians pronounced them a normal set of twins.

The father is a telegraph operator for the Associated Press.

SUN HATCHES EGGS LEFT IN HOT PLACE

Goldsboro.—Three chicks were hatched out by the sun from nest eggs that were left up under the eaves of the tin roof of the house of Madissa Hill, negro of Brazil street, several days ago.

Madissa raises a few chickens for her own use. It was pretty hot up there where the nests were placed, especially during the past three weeks. Madissa uses real eggs for nest eggs and after they had been in service for the allotted three weeks the baby chicks stepped out and began chirping for a mother. At this time there was not a hen on the place.

WOMAN ON TRACKS UNINJURED BY TRAIN

Le Puy, France.—Disappointment was expressed here by a woman who attempted suicide by lying down on a railroad track.

She forgot to lie crossways of the rails, however, and the train passed over her body without even disarranging her clothes. Alienists are examining her.