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NEW TAX BOOSTS STATE'S DAILY GAS BILL TO \$6,870.00

One Cent A Gallon Tax On
Gasoline Will Yield Income
Of \$2,500,000 Yearly

BECOME EFFECTIVE APR. 1

When filling station operators all over the State moved up the price of gasoline at midnight March 31st to take care of the additional one cent tax imposed by the Legislature to become effective April 1, they added \$6,870 a day to the total sum Tax Heels pay for their gas.

Based on estimates that each one cent a gallon tax on gasoline will yield \$2,500,000 a year, the five cent tax which became effective today will return just short of \$35,000 a day to the State Treasury, or a total of twelve and one-half million dollars a year. With gasoline selling at 18 cents a gallon less the tax, and 23 cents a gallon plus the tax, the same course of calculation shows that North Carolinians are spending between 55 and 60 millions a year for their motor fuel.

This is approximately double the amount spent in manning and maintaining the entire public school system of the State for one year.

The gasoline tax is the highest tax collected by the State. At present price levels it amounts to approximately 28 percent—or a round fifty-cent piece every time a motorist gets 10 gallons of gasoline put into his tank. He pays \$1.80 for the gas and \$0.50 for the tax.

But kicks on the tax, high though it is, are practically none. The reason: every cent of it goes into road construction and maintenance, and on a good road, as every motorist knows, a gallon of gas will go much further than on a poor road that he actually gets more for his money out of the tax-burdened gas than he would were there no gas tax and only mud-roads.

Until this year, proceeds from the gas tax, which was inaugurated at 1 cent a gallon in 1921, have gone to building and maintaining State roads only. Now that system is nearing completion, and the proceeds from the old 4-cent tax are ample to provide for its maintenance and for retiring the \$115,000,000 in bonds issued to build the State road system.

The 1-cent-boost was added to aid the counties in maintaining their roads, heretofore kept up solely from revenue from ad valorem taxes. To the \$2,500,000 slated to be realized from the boost, half a million will be added from other highway revenues, giving a total of \$3,000,000 for county road maintenance, or in other words, \$3,000,000 reduction in the much complained of ad valorem tax rates.

County Commissioners Met Monday

The board of County Commissioners were in session Monday. Owing to its being a holiday they were only in session a short time. Only two things were acted upon, other than allowing the usual bills, those being the re-election of Mr. J. S. Walker as County Auditor, and an order was passed to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars to rebuild the colored school in Roxboro. It will be recalled that this school building was destroyed by fire some time since, and the facilities for this school have been inadequate since. The colored citizens have raised quite a nice sum, something like two thousand dollars, believe, and the action of the Commissioners will be commended in lending a helping hand.

Tax Listers For The Year 1929

The following have been named as Tax Listers for the various townships for the year 1929:

- Allensville: D. L. Whitfield.
- Bushy Fork: D. L. Whitfield.
- Cunningham: J. R. Franklin.
- Flat River: Mrs. C. A. Hamill.
- Holloway: J. B. Barrett.
- MI. Tirzah: J. L. Cothran.
- Olive Hill: T. C. Wagstaff.
- Roxboro: G. W. Walker.
- Woodsdale: B. E. Mitchell.
- J. S. WALKER, Tax Supervisor.

Wake Forest Glee Club

The Wake Forest Glee Club will be in Roxboro Tuesday, April 16th. It has 28 males voices and a 12-piece orchestra. You will be delighted over the performance. Don't forget the date.

Cuba in length would reach from New Jersey to the State of Illinois.

LARGE CROWDS ARE ATTENDING SERVICES

LITTLE BUCK LATTA PAINFULLY INJURED

Fractures Skull In Fall From Moving Car Being Driven By His Father

Little Buck Latta, three year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Latta, suffered a very painful accident Sunday morning near the village of Prospect Hill, when he fell out of an automobile driven by his father, and occupied by the whole family. Little Buck was playing in the back seat of the car when the door opened suddenly and he fell to the hard pavement, suffering a painful fracture of the skull. He was immediately carried to Watts hospital and upon examination it was found necessary to perform an operation. A late report stated that the little fellow was getting along nicely and with no serious developments will recover.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL DROPS TWO GAMES

Will Play Hillsboro High School On Local Diamond Monday, April 8th At 3:30

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons Roxboro high school played two of the strongest teams in this section. The Danville team won the State championship of Virginia last year, and Raleigh is expected to be a strong contender for the championship of North Carolina this year.

In Monday's game Danville scored in the first inning, but Roxboro soon took the lead and kept it until the eighth when Danville scored two runs to tie the score, and then two more in the ninth to win 9-7. The same story was repeated in the Raleigh game. It looked like it might be Roxboro's game until the seventh inning when Raleigh scored to tie the count 5-5. In the ninth they scored two more runs. It looked as though Roxboro had started a rally in the ninth but it fell short one run. The game ended 7-6.

Next Monday, April 8th, Hillsboro will play here. Friday of this week the locals will invade foreign territory when they meet Henderson high school.

Miss Newton Won The Gold Basketball

Professor Knight gives another gold basketball for the highest scholarship made by a member of the girl's team. The team was one that we can feel proud of. In the first place the players are to be praised because their school work came first. The following is the order in which the girls are rated: Flora Newton 88, Dorothy Winstead 84.11, Mary Gentry 83.80, Mary Woody and Foy Oliver came next with an average of about 75. The other players did good work too. In justice to Mary Woody it should be said that she had trouble with her eyes or she would have given the other girls more competition.

The team won about 20 games and six. They are to be praised for doing good work and representing their school as they did. The main reason for giving the ball is to keep the pupils from letting anything come in between them and their work. The basketball has scholarship-player on it. Mr. Davidson suggested that the most suitable thing to put on the ball would be scholarship-player. The player that won this ball will be proud of it because it means that it was won for hard work in school work. B. B. KNIGHT, Coach.

A. & T. Quartette Entertain Olive Hill

Last Friday night the quartette from the A. & T. College, Greensboro, gave an entertainment at Olive Hill high school. This quartette has not state-wide, but nation-wide fame, and the evening was most pleasantly enjoyed by all lovers of music. Negro spirituals was sang mostly, though the closing was from one of the high class operas.

William A. Seiter Production "Synthetic Sin", with Colleen Moore and Anita Moreno, playing Palace Theatre, Monday & Tuesday, April 8-9th. Matinee Monday 3:00 P. M.

Services Being Conducted Daily,
Morning At 8:00 O'clock;
Evening At 7:45

GREAT MEETING EXPECTED

The revival services which are being conducted at the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches got under way last Monday evening, congregations were on hand at all of the churches, and the Ministers are gratified at the interest being shown in the meetings.

Rev. Mr. Alexander is doing the preaching at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Smith at the Edgar Long Memorial, and Dr. J. M. Haymore at the First Baptist. Preaching service every evening at 7:45 in each of the churches, while a morning service will be held in the Presbyterian church each day at 8 o'clock. The visiting Ministers will alternate in conducting the morning service.

Roxboro Girl Wins Honorable Mention

In the North Carolina high school Latin contest Roxboro again scores. It will be recalled that in last year's contest the cup was won by a Roxboro high school student, with first and second honorable mention also coming to this school. This year Miss Lois Foster, Durham high school student, won the cup, with first honorable mention going to Katie Lee Stewart of Mebane; second to Don Lacy of Rocky Mount; third to Marian McCracken of Durham; fourth to Helen Stroud of Durham, and fifth to Katherine Winstead of Roxboro.

Nearly one-half of the State of Tennessee is still covered by timber.

LEGISLATION LOCAL TO PERSON COUNTY

Mr. Harris Gives Synopsis Of Bills As Passed By The Recent Legislature

HIGHWAY COM. DISCUSSED

TERMS OF COURT
No change was made in the present schedule of courts except that the January term was made two weeks instead of one. The first week of the two weeks term is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The second week of the term is for the trial of civil cases only. This act was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

BONDS VALIDATED

An act was passed which validated a bond issue of \$78,000 which the county had authorized and actually sold. After the sale was made, it was discovered that some errors had been made in the published notices. For this reason the legislature was requested to pass this act so as to prevent the necessity of going through all the details again.

TOWN OF ROXBORO

The Town of Roxboro now owes a balance of \$9000.00 on its fire station and truck. Notes have been given for this, and they are being paid at the rate of \$1500.00 annually. An Act was passed making it legal for the town to continue to handle this just as at present.

FOX HUNTING

The closed season on foxes was made from March 1st to September 1st of each year. During the remainder of the year they cannot be trapped or shot except when they are caught destroying domestic fowls or animals.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION

For several years no election of Township Commissioners has been held, and it was felt that a new method of selecting the members of the Central Highway Commission ought to be provided. An act was passed increasing the Commission to five members and appointed B. E. Love, F. D. Long, D. E. Whitfield, R. A. Burch and J. G. Chambers. Until the law is changed the members will be named by the General Assembly same as the School Board is named. The above members were named for two years from April 1, 1929. Any vacancy that might occur will be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of County Commissioners.

COUNTY COURT

Under the existing law the County Commissioners had no authority to establish a County Court. An act was passed giving the authority to establish such a court if they think the same is necessary or expedient.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

E. E. Bradsher, Geo. W. Walker, W.

MUCH OF STATE'S TAX MONEY SPENT TO RUN SCHOOLS

Only Four States Are Spending More Money For Schools Than North Carolina

N. C. PERCENTAGE IS 1.91

North Carolina is up among the first five of the states in the amounts of money spent for the maintenance of schools, according to the Research Bulletin of the National Education Association, which reveals that only four states in the union in 1926, the last year for which complete figures are available, spent a greater percentage of their taxes on schools than North Carolina.

This State spends 52.18 per cent of its tax money on education, being topped by only Wyoming which led the country by spending 61.14 per cent, Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado. The average for the country was 42.17 per cent.

The statement was made during the recent convention of the North Carolina Educational Association here that only a third of the states were spending less per capita for public school education than North Carolina. No one questioned the accuracy of these figures, but the comparisons did not take into consideration the expenditures for colleges and that in North Carolina the expenditures for negro pupils per capita is rather low.

North Carolina also ranks high in the list of states that have invested heavily in per cent of value of school property, the bulletin showing that this State ranks fifth in that respect. North Carolina's percentage is 1.91. The average for the country is 1.41. California, Florida, Michigan, and Oklahoma top this State.

Caught Taft Error.



This little 13-year-old school girl, Helen Terwilliger, is becoming one of the most famous girls in America. Listening in on the radio on Inauguration Day, she caught Justice Taft misquoting the oath of office when he swore in Herbert Hoover as president. Miss Terwilliger said that the Chief Justice had said "preserve, maintain and defend" rather than "preserve, protect and defend," and Taft replied that the variation must be attributed to the defect of an "old man's mem-

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER NAMED

Reverend B. R. Lacy Jr., D. D., Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon Before Class

On Sunday morning, May 26th, in the Roxboro high school auditorium, the Reverend B. R. Lacy, Jr., D. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of our high school. Doctor Lacy is well known in North Carolina and in adjoining states, and we congratulate this community upon the privilege of having so able and so distinguished a divine to address the seniors and attending congregation of Roxboro and surrounding community on the commencement occasion mentioned.

On Friday night, May 31st, Doctor Elbert Russell, Dean of the School of Religion of Duke University, will deliver the literary address before the graduating class of the local high school. Doctor Russell is a man of wide reputation both as scholar and speaker, and we feel fortunate indeed to have secured him as the speaker on the program for the graduating exercises.

Bethel Hill Wins Easter Game 5 to 4

The Bethel Hill baseball team won a close and exciting game from Scottsburg on the latter's diamond before a large Easter Monday crowd. The game was hard fought and the outcome in doubt until the last man was out in the ninth. Bethel Hill took the lead early only to lose it in the fifth. Bethel Hill took the lead again and went into the ninth leading 5-2. Scottsburg got on to Wilborn for two runs with runners on third and first after two were out in the ninth. At this stage Montague went into the box and retired the pinch batter on three pitched balls.

Wilborn E., starting his first game of the season, was in rare form. Not a Scottsburg player reached first base until the fifth inning when two runs were scored as a result of an error. The game was played without any "squabbling" and was much enjoyed by the large crowd which was on hand.

An Enjoyable Trip

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hester and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Winstead have returned from a trip through Western North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Winstead visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allison at Sylva, and Mr. and Mrs. Hester visited their son, Theo. Jr., at Riverside Academy, Gainesville, Ga. After leaving Gainesville they visited Stone Mountain, Atlanta, Vidalia, Savannah, Ga., then on to Charleston, S. C., and the Magnolia Gardens. The ladies say they can not describe the beauties of the noted "gardens," but you will have to go and see.

Camp Fire Girls

The Camp Fire Girls of Helena entertained the faculty of Helena High School on March 22nd. They also invited Miss Rose Ellen Bryan, Durham county demonstrator, to teach them basketry Monday, March 25th. —Mary Charlotte Terry.

EQUALIZING BOARD OF OPINION THAT SCHOOL ACT IS WORKABLE LAW

Leroy Martin, Executive Secretary, Gives Out Statement About Equalizing Act

COUNTY SUPTS. TO MEET

In view of the somewhat conflicting stories that have been written during the past several days anent the discussion of the 1929 school act by the State Board of Equalization, which has charge of the distribution during the next two years of \$13,000,000 for the support of schools in the State, LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the board, at the request of local newspapermen, Friday gave out the following statement relative to the executive meeting here Wednesday and Thursday of the Board of Equalization: "The State Board of Equalization seemed to be of the opinion that the school measure enacted by the recently adjourned General Assembly was, so far as the board is concerned, workable and contained much to be praised. Very little dissatisfaction was evident on the part of the board concerning that portion of the bill which affects directly the work of the board. Apparently a great deal of the confusion and misunderstanding arising out of the measure is due to the fact that it, as a whole deals with two subjects but has been construed by many as relating to only one thing—the distribution of the equalizing fund.

"The board, in its recent meeting, agreed definitely as to the portion of the bill dealing with the work of the board and that portion bearing directly upon the county authorities in the administration and organization of their schools. Regarding the latter there are, as in any law, many minor details to be worked out and decided. That this is a matter for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney General seemed to be the opinion of the board.

New Duties Of Board.

The first among the new duties placed upon the board is provided in Section 4 of the Act, which directs the board to assemble information and data relative to cost of school supplies, equipment and current expense for operation and to transmit such information to the several counties in order that those counties may have the benefit of such information for comparison with other counties and looking toward some economies that, in the short time between now and the making of the May budgets, the board will be able to accomplish a great deal along this line, but every possible effort to aid the counties in a more economical operation of the schools will be made. This, at present, is the only duty in addition to (Continued on Page Ten)

Attended Miss Burns' Recital

The following from here attended the recital given by Miss Janie Burns at Meredith College last week: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, Mrs. A. S. deVillaming, Mrs. M. R. Long, Mrs. Anna Bradsher, Mrs. F. J. Hester, Mrs. E. E. Bradsher, Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, Mrs. Sallie Morris, Miss Maude Barnes, Miss Annie Long Bradsher, Miss Sue Richmond, Miss Mabel James, Mr. R. P. Burns and Mr. J. D. K. Richmond.

Triangular Debate

The Triangular debate between Roxboro High School and Louisburg High School will be held in the central school auditorium on Friday evening of this week. Debate begins at eight o'clock.

At the same-time the negative team from Roxboro will debate the Franklinton team at Franklinton.

Affirmative debaters: Hazel Brooks and Janie Carver. Negative debaters: Evelyn Wilburn and Huel Gentry.

New Highway Board

One of the acts pertaining to this County as passed by the last legislature was the change in the County Highway Commission. The old act was repealed and the board changed from three to five, naming the new boards, as follows: R. A. Burch, J. G. Chambers, Dr. B. E. Love, D. L. Whitfield and F. D. Long. The new board met Monday and organized by electing Dr. B. E. Love chairman, and R. A. Burch as supervisor of the roads. The election of an attorney was postponed to some future meeting.

The Opening Episode of "King Of The Jungle" with Elmo Lincoln, at Palace Theatre, Friday, April 5th.