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SALARIED OFFICERS.

On Tuesday, December 1st, all the officers of Halifax county were placed on salaries instead of the old fee system which has been in effect for many years. It is said by many that this new system will save the county several thousands of dollars, besides it will doubtless be more satisfactory to "the public servants," since they will draw their pay just the same as other people.

This new system makes it necessary for persons having papers to record to pay in advance for same. This applies also to papers placed in the hands of the sheriff for service. The law does not leave the collection of these fees discretionary with the officers as heretofore, but requires them to collect in advance.

The papers to be recorded must be sent or handed to the clerk of the court, accompanied by the proper fees, as his certificate must be attached to each paper before it can be recorded. These fees for recording these papers are as follows:

For deeds containing 500 words \$1.25, containing 300 words, \$1.05. Deeds of trust and mortgages at the same rate, and 10c per hundred words for each additional hundred or fraction thereof. Crop liens, form 153, \$1.15. Crop liens, Halifax short from 60 cents. Chattel mortgages up to \$300.00, 30 cents; over 300.00, \$1.05. Notes retaining title to personal property, 30c.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.

The following from the Raleigh News and Observer applies so forcibly to Scotland Neck and Halifax county that we reproduce it here for the purpose of calling attention to the miserable condition of the streets in this town. Read it carefully:

"Throughout North Carolina in the sections where there is the greatest interest in good roads there is to be found the greatest progress. That section which neglects the improvement of its roads is missing the opportunity for development of the kind which will carry it forward."

"And this matter of good roads applies to towns and cities as well as to the country generally. Go to any city or town in North Carolina where there are to be found improved streets and the thought comes at once that it is a place that is making the right kind of progress."

"Raleigh has long lagged behind in the making of good streets, and the need for work of this kind was great. In the recent months the work which has been done is such as to make the people realize that Raleigh must continue to go forward in the building of its streets. This city, the capital of the State, should have the best streets in the State, and we feel that our people will not rest content till this is the case."

"The permanent street work which has been done in Raleigh as the result of the recent bond issue for streets makes a start in the right direction. Those portions of the city which have been improved are examples of what should be done for the rest of the city, and the people of Raleigh should not rest content till this city shall become a city noted for its good streets. The authorities of Raleigh will make no mistake in giving their best efforts to street improvement, for money spent in work of this kind is money well spent. The work of the permanent kind which is now going on will give to this city the name of a forward looking city, and a city which will grow. The street work which has been done in Raleigh should be pushed forward and added to, for Raleigh is a city which deserves the best."

If any town in North Carolina is woefully derelict in the condition of its streets, that town is Scotland Neck. A stranger coming here and seeing the beautiful homes and splendid business houses would get a good impression of the progressive spirit that prevails, but when he views the streets he is struck with the indifference of the people toward one of the most important features of an ideal town.

This paper would be more than glad to see the town authorities take some steps to improve the streets.

It is true they are more or less handicapped for the want of funds, but there are many improvements that could be made with the funds and material at hand.

Let the people bestir themselves and see that the streets are kept up to the same degree of progressiveness that prevails along other lines.

American Sympathy in the War

Sentiment throughout the United States is strongly for the allies, according to the results of a country-wide canvass conducted by the Literary Digest.

Of 367 replies from editors of newspapers to the question, "What is the sentiment regarding the war in your section?" only twenty replied that it was pro-German, while 105 reported a strong sentiment for the allies. Two hundred and forty-two said that feeling was neutral in their section, and that where there was a balance it favored the allies, not against Germany but against Prussian militarism.

Minnesota, where German-Americans predominate, is the only state where pro-German sentiment seems to rule largely. Throughout New England the sentiment strongly favors the allies. The central states and far Northwestern states are all in favor of the allies. The replies cover the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Mexico to Canada.

The replies cannot very well be woven into a connected narrative, says the Literary Digest, "but the reader who scans the summary presented here will find the country divided into large areas where the feeling is preponderately for one side or the other, or is so mixed as to be neutral. Yet the sympathy on either side is that of the distant observer."

"Reports of pro-German sentiment follow pretty closely the geographical distribution of our German-American population, but at the same time a number of editors report a more favorable feeling toward Germany now than at the start of the war, so both sides can exact some comfort from the findings."

Resentment in some sections against the censorship of British dispatches is militating against the allies in some sections, and the invasion of Belgium by the Germans has influenced other districts which would have been neutral.

In collating a resume of the attitude of the people as distinct from that of the newspapers the magazine says:

"The feelings of the cities and towns represented is reported as favoring the allies in 189 cases, for the Germans in 38 and neutral or divided in 140.

"The pro-ally cities and towns heard from total 52 in the Eastern division, 40 in the Central, 71 in the Southern, and 26 in the Western.

"The pro-German communities are two in the Eastern group, 29 in the Central, four in the Southern and three in the Western.

"Cities and towns reckoned as neutral, or divided, number 24 in the Eastern States, 63 in the Central, 28 in the Southern in 22 in the Western."

One surprising result of the canvass was the fact that Wisconsin and Michigan, both strongly German-American in population, do not show a strong pro-German feeling. In Minnesota the feeling is strongly pro-German.

Dawson Locals

Dawson, N. C., Nov. 30—Messrs. Walter and Nelson Benson motored from Battleboro Sunday and were the guests of Mr. S. A. Partine.

Miss Ellen Weeks of Battleboro, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. D. A. Lawrence is visiting Mesdames J. R. R. Holliday and J. D. Lawrence.

Misses Mamie and Ruth Parks of Crowells, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Bertha Parrish of Spring Hill, attended services here Sunday.

Miss Edith Harris of Enfield, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Dawson farmers are housing their crops as rapidly as possible, notwithstanding the fact it will be held for higher prices.

Administrators' Notice.

Having qualified as executors under the last will and testament of D. A. Maday, deceased, late of Halifax County, North Carolina, we hereby notify all persons having claims against said deceased to present them to us within one year from the date of this notice, or said notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

Nov. 26, 1914.
 J. W. Maday & J. E. Bullock,
 Executors.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

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Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of W. K. Williams, late of Halifax county, N. C., under his last will and testament, this is to notify all persons having claims against his estate to present them to me duly verified on or before the 3rd day of December, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment. This Dec. 2, 1914.
 E. P. HYMAN, Ex'r.
 A. Paul Kitchin, Atty.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Susan Mills, this is to notify the persons having claims against her estate to file same with me on or before the 26th day of October, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment. This 24th day of October, 1914.
 J. O. APPELWHITE,
 Administrator.
 10-29-14.

Fifty Dollars Reward Offered by the Board of County Commissioners.

There will be paid to the person or persons the sum of Fifty Dollars for the capture of Willie Silver for the murder of Louis Lynch, about a year ago, near Essex, N. C. Board County Commissioners Halifax County, N. C.
 By J. H. Norman, Clerk.
 Oct. 8, 1914. 9-15-14

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