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## Hoyle Details Expenditure of County Taxes

Attorney Sees Regulation School  
Terms as Greatest Oppor-  
tunity for Saving

### "REPEATER" COST GREAT

Samuel R. Hoyle, county attorney, gave members of the Kiwanis Club a clear and detailed picture of county finances at the club's meeting Wednesday noon in the Community Church at Pinehurst. Mr. Hoyle was introduced to the club by Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, chairman of the Program committee, who asked him to speak at this time because of the club's study of county income and outgo and its interest in the organization of a league of taxpayers. Mr. Hoyle's talk follows:

In discussing county finances, it would seem that the first step would be to "take stock" of County assets and liabilities. They are

Fixed Investments—Court House and fixtures, County Home and fixtures \$ 227,000

Improved Roads—(turned over to the State for upkeep 574,000

School Properties—other than Special Charter Dist. approx. cost 600,000

Total \$1,301,000

Indebtedness: (Other than Special Charter and Local Tax Dist.)

County Bonds—(including Court House bonds) 192,000

Highway Bonds 335,000

School Bonds 79,000

Total \$ 606,000

The county's indebtedness was reduced last year by \$40,000 principal, of which \$20,000 was Court House bonds.

No county under the State law is permitted to legally incur indebtedness exceeding 10 per cent of the total property valuation. Many of the counties of the state have "gone the limit" and have outstanding indebtedness of approximately 10 per cent of their total valuation. But Moore county's total bonded indebtedness is about 2 percent only, or about 1-5th of that of many counties.

Our sinking funds accumulating to pay off bonds is \$33,600, consisting of cash except \$9,000, which is fully secured and protected by first mortgages on real property.

It is gratifying to be able to state that our county has never defaulted on a county obligation. And while sister counties in many instances have extreme difficulty in marketing bonds, that Moore county has always found a ready market for her bonds at par, often at a premium. While investors holding bonds of sister counties have in numerous instances had their bonds offered in the open market at below par, none of Moore county's bonds have been so offered. May I suggest that this is largely caused by the fact that Moore county, years ago, long before the Local Government Commission was set up by the State, set up a modern accounting system, which is now in operation and which kept the county's finances on a business basis, properly allocating and distributing the revenue raised by taxation, and promptly paying or financing the county's obligations when due. In this way securing at times a premium for bonds when sold, and by the practice of economy the county tax rate which reached the high level of \$1.18 in 1927 has been gradually but consistently reduced. The 1927 tax rate was made up of the following items:

County Genl. fund .....15  
County schools .....61  
Eureka—Vocational .....02  
Court house bonds .....05  
Highways .....25  
Highway Bonds .....10

This was reduced in 1928 to \$1.15, in 1929 to \$1.08 and in 1930 to \$1.05, and in the year of 1931, when the

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## Greek Meets Greek

And McLeod and Butler Agree  
Aberdeen Awnings Are Too  
Low for Them

Dr. A. H. McLeod and Bion Butler met each other near Aberdeen's postoffice Wednesday, and each bowed to the other. The bows were not gracious, however. In fact as each came up he looked as if he wanted to swear.

"What are we going to do about this?" Dr. McLeod asked. "Well, over in Southern Pines I raised a kick and they made them raise them so a lengthy cuss like you and me could walk along the street without stooping," Butler replied.

Yes, they were talking about those low awnings overhanging the sidewalks of Aberdeen's thoroughfare. Dr. McLeod says he's going to do what Bion Butler did—ask the town commissioners for an ordinance to keep awnings a reasonable height from the sidewalk.

## BURGLAR SHOT BY VASS BOYS AFTER LOOTING GROCERY

Negro Fails To Halt When Leaving  
Store and Lands in  
Hospital

### BREWER & FURR CAPTORS

As he was leaving McDermott's Grocery Store in Vass which he had forcibly entered and robbed between 2 and 3 o'clock last Friday morning, a Negro who gave his name as John Henry Meeks and his address as Gastonia was shot by Lewis Furr and Tom Brewer, local young men. He was carried to the Moore County Hospital where his wounds were dressed and where he is still confined in custody of the sheriff.

McDermott's store is located in the building known as the Dr. J. A. Leslie store building, near the upper railroad bridge. Mrs. Stacy Brewer, who lives in the E. D. Byrd house near the store, heard unusual noises and aroused other members of the family. Tom Brewer notified Lewis Furr, who acts as night watchman for the Furr store and the two young men, armed with shot guns, stationed themselves on the railroad bridge and waited. Presently a man came out from the store through a front window. They called to him to halt, but instead of obeying the command he proceeded in their direction, whereupon they opened fire. The Negro ran along the railroad bank for about a quarter of a mile before he decided to give up. He then called for the "white men" to "come and get me." By this time other men of the community were awakened and joined the boys in their effort to capture the intruder. He was assisted to a waiting car and carried to the hospital where it was found that shot had entered his chest and ankles.

Officers searched the man and found several keys, one of which was fashioned from a spoon handle, several rings and articles taken from the local store.

The sheriff is trying to get information about two class rings found on him. He has received word from the principal of the New Salem High School, Route 2, Marshville, stating that from the description given he felt sure the ring was the property of Miss Cleo Baucom who is now in Jacksonville, Florida; that he was writing to her and would write the sheriff again after he received a reply. Sheriff McDonald has not heard from the person to whom he wrote in regard to the other class ring. He thinks perhaps he will be able to connect the man with robberies at these other places.

### Varied Loot

Meeks was very persistent in his efforts to enter the store. He pried loose part of a wooden shutter which covers the rear window, only to find that iron bars were there to hinder his entrance. Going to a side door, he knocked out two panels, but found that the inside of the door was covered with a layer of sheet iron. He next

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## NEW YORK BANKS DEMAND STATE BALANCE BUDGET

Must Reduce Cost of Govern-  
ment Fully \$7,000,000, Stead-  
man Tells Governor

### MAY CUT SCHOOL COSTS

John P. Steadman, treasurer of the State of North Carolina, revealed this week the contents of a letter he has written Governor O. Max Gardner demanding a curtailment in the cost of the State government of "fully \$7,000,000" for 1932-33.

"The idea of drastic economy is no longer a theory but a fact," Steadman said. "Unless we take immediate action we shall be very much embarrassed and will probably have to suspend payment of salaries and current expenses in the early part of this fiscal year."

Steadman's warning that expenses of the state must be reduced \$7,000,000, following close on the heels of word from Henry Burke, assistant director of the budget, that general fund expenditures this fiscal year must be \$3,600,000 below those of 1931-32. Steadman's figures cover all state funds, while those of Burke applied only to the general fund.

The letter to the governor was also sent to the council of state and is believed to be one of the reasons why the council was invited to sit with the governor and advisory budget commission Tuesday to study the state's fiscal condition.

A salary cut of perhaps 20 per cent seemed in store for all state employees.

Steadman's proposal to the governor and council of state suggests a curtailment of 25 per cent in highway fund expenditures for this fiscal year, a cut of 20 per cent in public school allotments and a curtailment of 10 per cent in general fund expenditures. It is noted that the general fund, and it only, has already had a cut of about 22 per cent.

### Believes in Schools

Saying he is a great believer in both schools and highways, Steadman says he believes the schools will "fare far better" knowing they will actually obtain 80 per cent of their appropriation than if the full appropriation is allotted for the first few months "when in my opinion, it is very doubtful that we can continue to make such payments. This action is absolutely necessary."

Steadman's letter outlines the difficulties he met with in New York recently in renewing a note issue of \$2,502,371 for the State.

"The position of the New York banks is this," he said: "While we have cut our appropriations, we have not yet balanced the budget; our revenues are steadily declining, and that it is necessary for us to get immediately our house in order. It is a policy of all well managed banks to insist that loans be curtailed and paid. The banks in New York take the position that the State of North Carolina should not be an exception to this requirement."

Steadman said before he could secure a renewal of the notes he had "to agree to curtail our notes due November 25 and all further obligations."

## Negro Shot Trying To Evade Arrest

Isaiah McNeill, colored, a local railroad section hand, is in the Moore County Hospital suffering from a bullet wound inflicted by a highway patrolman on Federal Route 1 near the railroad underpass in the southern limits of Vass Sunday night.

The report is that McNeill and a girl from Lakeview were driving along the highway with one light and as the patrolman trailed him the girl was seen to throw something supposed to be a jar of liquor from the car. The patrolman stopped the car, it is said, and told the woman to get the object which had been thrown out and while this was going on, McNeill ran. The patrolman, according to the report, ordered the fleeing man to come back and when he failed to do so shot him.

## Free Hitting and Loose Fielding Feature Week's Baseball Games

### Good Record



NEILL SMITH

Formerly of Vass, Now Farm Agent  
of Onslow County

One county farm agent who is not going to lose his job for he is making times easier is Neill Smith, formerly of Vass, who operates in Onslow county and whose record may be duplicated to some extent by farm agents in other North Carolina counties, says the Charlotte Observer. The report on Smith's work is interesting as revealing the character of service the farm agent can render. At a mass meeting of men and women farmers at Jacksonville, called to urge continuation of the agricultural extension work in Onslow county, J. W. Fountain told of what Smith has been doing. This farm agent began his work there in the Spring of 1928 and since that time hogs fed and sold according to the demonstration plan have netted owners \$100,775.88. In addition Smith has vaccinated 7,400 hogs for immunization from cholera. During the period from May 1, 1930, to May 1, 1931, the valuation of livestock in the county increased by \$29,253. Nearly 85,000.

Mr. Fountain pointed out that 75,843 pounds of poultry has been sold co-operatively and a mutual exchange doing \$36,000 worth of business from March 20, 1931, to June 1, 1932, has been organized.

Onslow county, is more nearly living at home than at any time recently and acre yields of cash crops have been increased, he continued. The beekeeping industry as a side line to farming has been developed and 4-H Club work has been organized.

## Peaches on the Move; Growers Optimistic

Hileys Bringing \$1.75 and up  
Here as Season Gets  
Under Way

The Sandhills 1932 peach crop, estimated as high as a million dollars in value, has started moving. Pack-houses became beehives of activity this week at orchards bearing early fruit. Railroads are hauling refrigerator cars, trucks are scurrying back and forth and it looks like old times around here. Many who haven't had jobs in months are busy among the trees or crates; storekeepers are reporting better business.

The peach growers themselves are optimistic. So far the prices have been well up. Hileys are being shipped this week, carload lots down to small truckloads. They are bringing \$1.75 up per bushel on the ground, and even culls are selling around \$1.40. Carmens will follow the Hileys, then off go the prize Elbertas, and the Georgia Belles, to the northern markets.

The July 1st State-Federal Crop Report says:

"North Carolina has a considerable shortage in all kinds of fruits. The exception to this is in the Sandhill area where the commercial peach crop is good. With the exception of hail damage, the shipments from this area will probably be more than last year. The condition of the State's crop of peaches is 58 percent as compared with 80 last year. The commercial crop will probably average above 70 percent."

Vass and Aberdeen Continue To  
Win.—Big Scores in Most  
Contests

### SCHEDULE

Fri., July 15th—Carthage at

Thomastown; Cameron at Vass.

Sat., July 16th.—Southern Pines at

Pinehurst; Cameron at West End.

Wed., July 20—Cameron at South-

ern Pines; Vass at Aberdeen; Pine-

hurst at West End.

Thurs., July 21—Southern Pines at

Carthage.

Thurs., July 22—Aberdeen at Thom-

astown; Carthage at West End.

Sat., July 23—Thomastown at Vass.

### STANDING OF CLUBS

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Vass-Lakeview	11	2	.846
Aberdeen	9	3	.750
Thomastown	5	5	.500
Pinehurst	6	6	.500
Southern Pines	5	7	.417
Cameron	3	5	.375
Carthage	4	7	.363
West End	3	10	.230

Free hitting, loose fielding one-sided baseball games featured the week's play in the Moore County League, the only surprise of the week being the defeat of Southern Pines by West End last Friday after her fine victory over the strong Aberdeen team two days before. Vass-Lakeview continued its winning streak and remains at the head of the league, with Aberdeen adding two victories to its string to remain in second place.

Aberdeen ran away from Pinehurst at Pinehurst last Saturday to the tune of 12 to 4, bunching hits and taking advantage of wild throws to pass the resisters after they had taken the lead in the opening in. Yow pitched good ball for Aberdeen.

Aberdeen played the tail-end West Enders Wednesday and won handily behind Don Maurer's clever pitching, 11 to 3. Buck Tarlton was back in the game for Aberdeen, playing at second where he fielded brilliantly.

Bill Maurer and Russell also had their batting eyes with them. Purvis Ferree led the hitting with three out of five. Bobbitt played good ball at short. After Aberdeen attained a safe lead Manager William Maurer gave some of the substitutes a chance in the game, John Dunc McLean going in as catcher, George Martin at first, Gordon Keith at right field, Ralph Leach at center and Mackie Caldwell in left. Aberdeen bunched hits and took advantage of errors in the third and sixth innings to score eight of its eleven runs.

### Vass Still Winning

Vass-Lakeview defeated Southern Pines, crippled by lack of pitchers, in a free-hitting and far from errorless game Wednesday afternoon on the Southern Pines diamond, the final score being 17 to 12. Vass started with its heavy artillery and put across ten runs in the first two innings, but from then on it was a fight and wound up with an exciting final frame in which Southern Pines threatened to climb up even, but failed by five runs.

D. Bowers, Southern Pines pitcher, was injured while climbing a telegraph pole last week and will be out of the game for several weeks. Its other boxman, Smith, is out of town. S. Bowers started the game for the home team, but was too free with his passes to first and Wilson went on the mound. He lasted until the third when Tom Vann replaced him and finished the game, keeping the Vass hits well scattered. Vass had its star brother battery working, C. Wilson pitcher and D. Wilson catcher. Tom Millar shone for Southern Pines both in field and at bat.

### Other Games

Southern Pines lost a game to West End at West End last Thursday, 5 to 2.

Vass-Lakeview won two games from Carthage during the week, taking the Saturday game at Vass 6 to 1 and the Monday game at Carthage 12 to 6.

Cameron defeated West End at Cameron, in a close 3-2 game Saturday, Thomastown took Pinehurst into camp to the tune of 10 to 1 on Wednesday.

## Cameron Boy, Shot, Beaten; Left for Dead

Attacked in Woods Monday. He  
Succeeds in Stumbling and  
Crawling Home Wednesday

### ACCUSED PAIR ARRESTED

Shot with a pistol at least twice, once in the chest and again in the back, beaten about the head and face until his bruises later made him appear more like a colored man than a white, and left in the dense woods of the Beaver Creek section presumably for dead, Leonard Cameron, after suffering agony that beggars description through the hours from Monday to Wednesday—except when unconscious gave him relief at intervals—finally made his way across the mile and a half stretch from where he fell to his grandfather's home where he resides, and is still living to tell an experience equally as horrible as any that can be brought from any battlefield. Young Cameron is a grandson of Neal "Beaver" Cameron of the Beaver Creek section of Moore county.

Cameron left his home on Monday, the 4th, and nothing was heard of him by his family until they came in from their work in the field about six or seven o'clock Wednesday evening and found him there.

He told of how he was shot and beaten on Monday, of his efforts to crawl to the swamp for water, of his regaining consciousness at times when the sun would be shining and again when everything was dark, of his efforts to get to his feet, sometimes succeeding and making some steps, then stumbling and continuing by crawling. He was also able to tell officers where his time was spent, and they went to the location and found where he had crawled around on the ground.

Young Cameron named Tom Douglas and Turner Cameron as his assailants and they were arrested and placed under bond, that of Douglas being fixed at \$2,000 and Cameron's at \$1,000. Douglas and Turner deny having knowledge of the deplorable affair. The hearing is scheduled for Recorder's court on next Monday.

It is rumored that Leonard Cameron and Douglas had had some trouble a short time ago and that liquor was the cause of it.

Cameron is in the Moore County Hospital and will probably recover.

### TOWNSHIP TAX DELEGATES TO MEET ON JULY 23D.

James Tufts of Pinehurst, selected by the recent meeting at Carthage to formulate a committee of taxpayers for the purpose of organizing a Taxpayers' League in the county, sent out letters this week to representatives in each of the townships for a meeting to be held in Carthage on July 23d when these delegates will discuss the situation and set in motion the organization machinery.

### U. S. NO. 1 ASSOCIATION IN SESSION AT RALEIGH

A special meeting of the U. S. No. 1 Highway Association was held at the Carolina Hotel in Raleigh yesterday at 1 o'clock.

The association was incorporated recently under the laws of North Carolina. It has members in cities and towns along Route No. 1, which extends from Maine to Florida.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer of Southern Pines is president of the association.

### HOLD CLINIC IN ABERDEEN EACH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

There will be a public health clinic at Aberdeen at The Spinning Wheel in the rear room commencing Wednesday afternoon, July 20th at 3:30 o'clock. The clinic will be continued each Wednesday afternoon until completed.

Vaccination against typhoid fever, diphtheria and smallpox will be given.