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## PISTOL BULLET ENDS LIFE OF SHEFFIELD MAN

### Jonah Davis, Young White Man, Shot by Companion Mon- day Night

#### HAD BEEN DRINKING

Jonah Davis, a young white man of about 22 years of age, was shot through the jugular vein near Dover church in Sheffield township between sunset and dark Monday evening and died within a few minutes. A coroner's inquest was held about one o'clock that night and the jury's verdict was that Davis came to his death by the hand of George Brewer. Brewer was arrested at 5:30 Tuesday morning and is in the Moore county jail. There were no eye witnesses to the shooting.

The report of the affair as brought out at the inquest was that Davis and Brewer went to the Davis home in the late afternoon and stayed for about 30 minutes. A young man by the name of Wright was at the Davis home and the three left together going in the direction of Wright's home. They went about 150 yards to a point where the road forked, one part leading to the Wright home and the other to Brewer's. Here they chatted for a few minutes after which Brewer walked around behind a tobacco pack house and lay down among the weeds. Wright and Davis talked for some twenty minutes longer, after which Davis went around to get Brewer to go with him and Wright to the latter's home to listen to a "talking machine." Brewer was asleep, and failing to awaken him, Davis called to Wright that if he could get "George" awake they would go to bed.

Wright then left for his home and after going some 200 yards, he heard a pistol shot. Attracted by the shot, he returned to the pack house where he heard someone say: "You won't! You won't!" Then a second shot sounded. Wright went around the house to where he could see the men. Brewer was getting up off the ground and Davis was sitting on the ground, falling to his left. Wright rushed up and said to Brewer that he, Brewer, had killed Jonah and Brewer is said to have exclaimed: "I hate it! I hate it." Brewer left immediately in the direction of his home.

By this time the dying boy's father

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## Crowds Thronging Typhoid Clinics

### Increasing Interest on Part of People Makes Serious Epidemic of Fever Unlikely

The clinic at Southern Pines last Wednesday for an hour or two gave the Public Health Officer a hot time, or rather a wet time as the perspiration was visibly dripping from his face, owing to the crowd gathered in the library of the school house to be vaccinated in a certain space of time, as another clinic on schedule for Aberdeen was on for the same afternoon. The crowd, however, was jovial and good natured in spite of the needle pricks.

A large crowd turned out at the clinic in Aberdeen held at the Spinning Wheel, where there were so many new ones that the vaccine gave out, and another clinic was held next morning to finish those left unvaccinated that evening.

For the week ending July 16, 1932, there were 39 new typhoid cases throughout the state, and for the week ending July 23, 1932 there were 61 new typhoid fever cases reported. During these weeks we are glad to be able to report that no cases occurred in Moore County.

The latest addition to the clinics are High Falls and Hemp. At High Falls there was a splendid turnout, 137 being vaccinated. At Hemp Tuesday 111 people took the vaccination. "We realize that with this increasing interest being taken on the part of the people there is not likely to be a serious epidemic of typhoid fever in Moore County," says Dr. Symington.

## Widespread Interest in Tax Matters

### News Reports from Many Sections of State Indicate That the Taxpaying Public Is Aroused Over the Matter of County Government Expense

Perusal of newspaper headings in the state papers would seem to indicate that tax matters and budgets are the things most in the minds of the people just now. Cutting the budget and reducing the tax rate appears to be the favorite pastime of county governing boards from one end of the state to the other.

Hoke county has cut around \$3,000 off its general fund; Bertie county cut salaries of all county officers 15 per cent, fees of list takers 50 per cent and fees of jurors and coroner from \$3.00 to \$2.00 a day; in Durham county all but two of the county officials accepted a voluntary cut of 10 per cent in salary, the two dissenting being the judge and prosecutor of recorder's court. This cut was one-half that asked by the Durham County Taxpayers' League. Down in Hertford county they are discussing the question of abolishing the fee system.

Down in Wayne county the negroes protested against the discontinuance of county agent work and the work will be continued for four months. In this case the negroes themselves raised the county's share of the salary of the county agent.

Small cuts in the tax rate are noted in many counties, but in no county yet has there been a report of any tax reduction approaching the drastic cut demanded by the Moore County Taxpayers' League. It is, however, a hopeful sign when interest in a subject becomes so widespread.

## VASS-LAKEVIEW AND ABERDEEN IN CLOSE RACE

### Week's Games Make No Change in Relative Standings of League Leaders

#### STANDINGS TO DATE

The scrap between Aberdeen and Vass-Lakeview for the leadership of the county league continues to be the main item of interest in baseball circles in the Sandhills. As a result of the week's games Vass-Lakeview and Aberdeen are still separated by half a game. Vass won from Pinehurst while Aberdeen won from Thomastown and Cameron, and also lost to Cameron. The Thomastown-Vass game scheduled for Wednesday was postponed.

**Southern Pines Wins and Loses**  
Southern Pines on the home grounds lost a game, and won a game. Saturday West End with a batting streak aided by costly fielding errors romped home to the tune of 10 to 4. Wednesday, a revamped team fielding faultlessly defeated Pinehurst 12 to 3. Neither side scored in the first inning, Utley of Pinehurst making the first tally in the 2nd, while McCormick and Millar came in for Southern Pines. Cole and Currie each made a run for Pinehurst in the 3rd while Webster, Montesanti, Wilson, McCormick and Harris crossed the plate for Southern Pines. Webster, Wilson and McCormick added three more in the 4th, and Wilson and Phillips the final two in the 5th.

**Cameron Defeats Aberdeen**  
On Wednesday afternoon the celebrities defeated the league leaders 10-3. Yow, pitching for Aberdeen, pitched a good game but received al-

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## Peaches Moving to Market Freely

### Despite Shortage of Crop Price Has Shown Tendency to Weaken

Elbertas and Georgia Belles are moving out freely from the Sandhills peach belt, but shipments of peaches to date from North Carolina are well below last year. Last year at this date 948 cars of peaches had been shipped as against 380 cars this year. The difference in the Georgia crop is still more marked, the figures being 11,251 cars last year and 1405 cars this year.

Despite the shortage of the crop there has been a sharp drop in prices since the first of the week when the main crop of peaches started to move. The rain last week was a great help to the orchards in this immediate territory and the quality of fruit being harvested here is of exceptionally fine quality. There has been no hail damage in this vicinity and some of the orchards, where proper care has been exercised, are producing large, well colored peaches. Culls are selling well and trucks are absorbing all of this grade available at most pack houses.

## COUNTY BUDGET CALLS FOR RATE OF 71 CENTS

### Tentative Figures Are Released for Publication by Board of Commissioners

#### LOWER THAN LAST YEAR

A tentative budget given out by the Board of County Commissioners for publication this week, calls for a tax levy of 71 cents per \$100 of real estate valuation in Moore county. This is a reduction of two cents, last year's rate being 73 cents. The estimate of property valuation is given as \$26,000,000. The budget must lie over for twenty days before its final adoption.

The levy in the tentative budget is apportioned as follows:

- SCHOOLS—State — 15.5 cents.  
County—six months — 1 cent.  
Capital outlay—5 cents.  
Debt service—5.5 cents.
- COUNTY—General—15 cents.  
Poor—5 cents.  
Health—2 cents.  
Debt service—8 cents.
- HIGHWAY—Debt service—14 cents.

The following changes from last year's apportionment are noted, making the difference of two cents between the previous rate of 73 cents and the proposed rate of 71 cents: One cent of the \$100 valuation added for county six months schools; a two-cent reduction on the capital outlay, schools a one-cent reduction in the health department.

There has been a downward trend in the tax rate for the last two years and if this proposed drop becomes a certainty, the reduction will be the most welcome at this time of economic stress. The 1929 rate was \$1.08, the 1930 rate \$1.05, and the 1931 rate 73 cents, so if the 71-cent rate be adopted, a total reduction of 37 cents will have been effected in three years.

The present board of commissioners has throughout its tenure of office had "economy" as its watchword, and is doing everything possible to bring relief to the tax payers without sacrificing those agencies that are so necessary to the well being of the citizens of the county. Every department of county government has been closely scrutinized and cuts have been made here and there, resulting in substantial savings in salaries, a reduction of almost one-half in the cost of the upkeep of the county home and in a material decrease in jail fees.

## FORMER RESIDENTS GUESTS OF KIWANIS

Thomas Creekmere, a former resident of Aberdeen and now an attorney in Raleigh, and George Ross, of Raleigh and Jackson Springs, were guests of the Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly luncheon Wednesday. Willard Dunlop, vice-president, presided. James Tufts gave a very comprehensive report on the activities of the Moore County Taxpayers' League, after which Dr. Medlin introduced George Ross, who was the speaker for the occasion.

## TAX VALUATIONS GET ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS

### Order Change in Pay of Juvenile Judge and Recorder's Court Held Every Week

#### REWARD AUTHORIZED

At the regular commissioners meeting in Carthage Monday it was ordered that W. H. Hasty be relieved of a valuation of a real estate mortgage in the amount of \$6,000, this being listed by error.

On account of damage to the house by storm, a reduction of \$1,000 in the valuation of the Swett property listed in the name of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Company was allowed, this to apply to 1932 taxes.

It was ordered that three lots and dwelling in McNeill township listed in the name of H. L. Gibbon be increased from a valuation of \$1075 to \$2500 for 1932 taxation; that Dell and Dell Air cottages be listed in the name of N. L. Gibbon at a valuation of \$1,500; that 16 lots and Cousey house be listed in the name of N. L. Gibbon at a valuation of \$2,500, and that the valuation on 172 acres listed in the name of N. L. Gibbon be increased from \$1700 to \$2500 in order to equalize values. All of this property is in McNeill township and these valuations are to apply to 1932 taxes.

It was ordered that the valuation on the residence and other buildings of Walter S. Halliwell and Lillian J. Halliwell be increased from \$18,900 to \$35,000, formerly reduced by error on January 6, 1932. This valuation is to apply to 1932 taxation.

The Board ordered that the compensation of the Clerk of the Superior Court as Juvenile judge be fixed at \$10 per case for each case handled by him. The compensation heretofore has been \$300 per year and as the number of cases handled is comparatively small, a saving to the county is expected to result from this change.

It has been the custom to hold Recorder's court each Monday except when the Superior court is in session in the court room. The commissioners ordered that it be held every Monday and that the library room in the basement be used during the time the court room is in use by the higher court.

The Board voted to recommend to the State Highway Commission that the road leading from highway 70 about three miles east of Aberdeen to the Hoke County line, about one mile in length, be taken over by the state.

## Plan Field Day to Celebrate Labor Day

### Full Program of Athletic Events Barbecue and Basketball on Schedule

Plans are under way for a field day celebration to be held at the Pinehurst Race Track on Labor Day, September 5. The contemplated program includes a full schedule of athletic events, barbecue and a ball game between two teams of the Moore County League to be selected later. Prizes will be given in all events. The field day is being sponsored by the Joseph G. Henson and Sandhills Posts of the American Legion. Full information regarding entries, etc., may be obtained from Chas. C. Picquet or the commanding officers of either Legion Post.

## WATCH THE SKY NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

Next week, about August 11 and 12, comes the climax of the meteoric display in the constellation of Perseus. Not much brilliance will be seen until around midnight, but then if the observer is watching the sky near the horizon, in the north east he will see a succession of shooting stars that will last much of the balance of the night. This August display is the most interesting of the year with the exception of the November display in the constellation of Leo, which surpasses anything of its kind known.

## Taxpayers' League of Unnecessary Expenditures

### League Platform

#### Taxpayers' Organization Issues Statement of Purpose and Plan of Work

The league is a non-political, non-partisan organization of the taxpayers of the county organized for the following purposes:

To investigate and ascertain spending of taxpayers money by the county, state and national government. A permanent secretary and records will be maintained, and the members and all citizens will be continuously informed of all government expenses in detail, county state and national.

To organize the citizens to enforce an immediate reduction of expenses of the county and state, and thereafter to exert the utmost vigilance to keep these expenses within the means of the people.

To make a steady and faithful endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary and paternal functions of both state and national government—as well as all forms of subsidies, graft, privileges and free distribution of our money and government assistance to any business of groups or individuals whatsoever. Our purpose is to be taxed the minimum for the legitimate functions of the government, and to contribute no money for the benefit of any section, business or person.

Every citizen of Moore is entitled to become a member of this league upon signing a membership card and paying the sum of twenty-five cents. The annual dues will be twenty-five cents, the fund so obtained to be used exclusively in the expenses of the secretary in gathering and advertising the facts necessary for the League's action.

The League shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of six members from each township in the county.

The duties of the Executive Committee are primarily to ascertain accurately and in detail every item of expense incurred by the county, whether authorized by the County Commissioners or established by legislative act in Raleigh, to publish and keep these items continuously before the taxpayers; and working with the County Commissioners and with representatives at Raleigh, to recommend, and with the approval of the members of the League, to demand the reduction of those items that appear excessive or not, the people lack money to pay for, and the elimination of any expense that appears to the League, after presentation, to be unnecessary to the taxpayers paying the bill.

Further, to present to the League the items of state expense and to recommend eliminations and economies as set forth in the purposes of the League—and with the approval of the members, to demand their adoption.

To take whatever action is necessary or useful to further the purposes of the League, and to reduce the burden of taxes and the incubus of government.

A coupon appended to the statement of purposes will be found on page nine.

### ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE OF MISS NELLIE GRAVES

Mr. and Mrs. George Calvin Graves of Carthage announce the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Hamilton, to Dr. George Heintsh on Friday, July 29th.

Dr. Heintsh is the son of the late Dr. George Heintsh and Mrs. Adelaide F. Heintsh of Spartanburg, S. C.

Dr. Heintsh is the son of the late University of North Carolina. He also attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and is now on the surgical staff of Duke Hospital, Durham.

Mrs. Heintsh is a graduate of Peace Institute and, since receiving the bachelor's degree and the Master's degree from the University of North Carolina, has been a member of the faculty of Chapel Hill High school.

### Preliminary Reports Indicate Several Possible Avenues of Tax Reduction

#### NAME LOCAL COMMITTEES

Reduction of county taxes by 25 per cent, ultimately the reduction of taxes in the state and nation, the elimination from government of things that are not governmental, the cutting out of all functions that do not definitely pertain to the real purpose of government as laid down in the constitution of state and nation, and economies that will bring taxes back to relatively the basis of twenty or thirty years ago, a business basis of operation for state, county and national government, and probably a county manager and a business consolidation of county departments with a smaller number of employes, seemed to be the note that dominated the meeting of the executive committee of nine of the Moore County Tax League at its session Monday afternoon in the court house.

#### Leads Under Investigation

The subcommittee appointed to begin an inquiry into county affairs offered a report of some things started, with the statement that considerably more study will be required. Some of the places where the committee thinks expenses might be reduced are in the abolition of county primary elections, which might save a thousand dollars, in the lengthening of term of office from two to four years, saving elections, and also avoiding the breaking in of new men every two years as it takes about a year to make a new man efficient. Postponing the tax sale from June to October costs about \$450 which is needlessly spent, according to the report. The wisdom of cutting out the \$1,000 for fire control was suggested, home demonstration and farm demonstration were mentioned as a source of saving if the farm sections desire to save in that quarter. Reductions have been made in the solicitor's office of the recorder's court and the sheriff's office, but study of the county fee system was recommended, and that will be taken up. The jail came in for a close scrutiny, with the opinion that too many prisoners are there waiting trial, and a Monday and Friday session of the recorder's court was mentioned as a possible means of getting these people out of jail and off the board bill.

Another item mentioned is that of increasing the jurisdiction of the recorder's court to civil cases up to \$1,000, and the possibility of gaining the interest of the Superior Court in making court more of a business matter, with less lost time and more economical operation. Juvenile court was recommended to be added to the recorder's court, and the solicitor of that court to take on the county attorney's work. The fee for capturing stills struck the committee as a matter that could be settled by the revenue officer doing the job. Further inquiry into the health department is scheduled, as into all the other subjects. This meeting was a preliminary one to report progress and confidence in the outcome of the work.

#### Township Meetings This Week

The committee instructed its members to go back home and call meetings of the township and to invite the people to the meetings and to form township leagues, and to go into all the matters under discussion, and come back Monday for a further meeting, when a conference with the commissioners will be held to submit recommendations that may be useful to the commissioners in making up the budget for the coming tax levy soon to be made. Wilbur Currie, chairman of the board, has asked the League to have ready anything they care to offer so that it can be considered at once, and this will be the work of the meeting of the committee next Monday.

From the tone of the committee at its meeting last Monday the meeting next Monday will be a decisive one. Much enthusiasm is reported from

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