

# At the CAPITAL

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## Collection Costs Down

A new low record of cost of collecting State revenues was established both in the general and the highway funds during the past fiscal year, ended June 30, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell shows, in reporting that July general fund collections were \$1,328,552.35, as compared with \$1,288,325.38 for July last year, and highway fund revenues dropped to \$1,258,800.54 the past month, as compared with \$1,541,966.52 for July of last year.

Inheritance taxes of \$51,556 the past month were twice those of July 1931; license taxes amounted to only \$365,863, as compared with \$651,776 a year ago; income taxes dropped from \$71,346 a year ago to \$63,802 the past month, while franchise taxes the past month were \$847,330 and \$560,876 a year ago. Rates of some were increased, other differences being due to heavier payments one month in some taxes and lighter in others.

For the first time on record, gasoline taxes were lower the past month than for the corresponding month a year before, due in part to the one-cent increase which became fully effective a little more than a year ago. Gasoline collections the past month were \$1,122,520, or \$215,680 less than the \$1,338,201 in July, 1931. Title fees were off nearly \$4,000 and license fees \$63,508. For the calendar year to July 31, license plate fees are off \$827,680, being \$5,172,331, as compared with \$6,000,011 at the same time last year. Of this decrease, Mr. Maxwell figures \$254,000 is due to lower plate rates, economic conditions being held responsible for the remaining \$573,000 decrease.

Cost of general fund collections the past fiscal year was 1.18 percent of the collections, as compared with 1.74 the year before and an 11-year average of 1.77 percent; highway funds cost 4.59 percent to collect in 1925, but have been reduced each year to 1.73 percent last year and from 2.19 percent the year before, Maxwell shows.

**Highway Funds Available**

North Carolina had a balance of \$3,728,867.35 available in Federal-aid funds July 1, about \$2,800,000 of which will be used with a like amount from the emergency Federal-aid in the next 11 months, the Bureau of Public Roads reports. The Federal-aid projects under way then were 77 percent completed, including 72.6 miles of new roads and five miles

being reworked, at a total estimated cost of \$1,152,326. Fifteen miles more had been approved for construction on that date, to cost \$300,312. The big program will start after August 16.

## Farm Ownership Increasing

Tenants still till more than half of the cultivated lands in North Carolina, but the tendency toward increased farm tenancy has been halted and owners have been increasing the number of acres they cultivate during the past three years, figures furnished by the State Department of Agriculture show.

Owners cultivated 2,927,204 acres in 1931, increased from 2,835,920 in 1930 and 2,830,332 in 1929. Tenants cultivated about 3,101,000 acres in 1929, which increased to 3,128,576 in 1930, but decreased to 2,886,988 acres in 1931. Home gardens cultivated in 1931 covered 83,000 acres, it is shown. Cattle increased from 458,069 to 508,408 in two years, up to 1931, milk cows increasing from 275,299 in 1930 to 289,033 in 1931, beef cattle increasing from 182,406 in 1929 to 206,759 in 1930 and 219,375 in 1931 in the State. While the United States saved 7 per cent fewer pigs last season than in the season before, North Carolina saved 13 per cent more. This state saved 544,000 pigs last spring and farrowed 93,000 sows, 15 per cent more than the season before, the Federal-State crop reporting service shows.

## Hunting License Ready

Sixty wild turkeys, 150 quail and 300 ring-neck pheasants were distributed last week, the first of the season, from the State Game Farm at Asheboro to a dozen game refuges in several counties and National Forest acres, Game Warden Charles H. England announces. These game birds were well matured and will be able to live and thrive in their new surroundings, the game warden believes.

While the main hunting seasons, for quail, rabbit and wild turkey, do not open until November 20, the season for squirrels opens Sept. 1 and runs until Dec. 31. The season for buck deer opens in the east Sept. 15, and in the west November 1. Doves may be hunted through September, with a closed season until November 20, when the second part of the dove season opens.

Licenses have been distributed and are now ready for sale by the selling agents, Mr. England stated. The license fees are as follows: hunting, county resident, \$1.25; State resident,

\$3.25; non-resident, \$15.25; trapping, county resident, \$2.25; State resident, \$3.25; combination hunting and trapping, county resident, \$3.00; and State resident, \$5.25; combination hunting and fishing, State resident, \$4.50.

## Hoover and Roosevelt Invited

President Herbert Hoover and Candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt have both been invited to attend the meeting of the National Grange in Winston-Salem November 16-24, at which 5,000 to 10,000 delegates will be in attendance. W. Kerr Scott, Master, North Carolina, State Grange, announced while in Raleigh making preparations for the first meeting the Grange has held in the South in 42 years.

Governor Roosevelt has been a member for 20 years, Mr. Scott said. Governor Gardner, who will take the seventh degree during the meeting, will head the reception committee. Thirty-four states are expected to be represented at what is expected to be the largest gathering of farmers anywhere in the nation this year. The national membership is composed of 800,000 farmers, Mr. Scott stating there are 7,000 North Carolina members, which he expects to reach 10,000 by November.

L. J. Taber, Columbus, Ohio, Master of the National Grange, after visiting 20 states from California to the East and South, said on the occasion of his visit to this State recently that North Carolina was in the best shape of any Southern state and that Governor Gardner seemed to have a better understanding of the agricultural and economic conditions and needs and remedies than any Governor of the states visited, Mr. Scott said, adding that "It was a voluntary statement of Mr. Taber and was extremely complimentary to North Carolina and to its chief executive."

## Insurance Rate Hearing

A hearing on rates to be suggested by the N. C. Rating and Inspection Bureau for workmen's compensation insurance will be held in the office of Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney on Friday of this week. The new rates are expected to be increased over present rates. Commissioner Boney has the right to approve or disapprove the rates suggested, but he is calling in industrial leaders and employers to labor to get their views before making a decision on the rates.

## Recommended for Job

O. K. LaRoque, in charge of the Building and Loan division of the State Insurance Department, has been recommended by Governor Gardner and many others to President Hoover as a suitable and competent member of the commission of five members to handle the home loan funds recently provided by Congress. Mr. LaRoque is considered one of the ablest building and loan men in the South.

## MATTHEWS FAMILY HOLDS REUNION AT LEMON SPRINGS

A delightful family reunion was held on Wednesday, July 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton Matthews at Lemon Springs, honoring their cousin, Miss Kate Matthews of Fayetteville who was their house guest. Dinner was served from a long table placed beneath the trees on the lawn, following a most appropriate invocation by Miss Matthews, the honoree.

The host and hostess and the guest of honor at this reunion have remarkable records. Miss Kate Matthews was for twenty-four years a teacher in the Fayetteville schools. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are enjoying splendid health at the age of eighty-three years, have been married sixty-three years and reared a family of nine children and so far there has never been a death in the family.

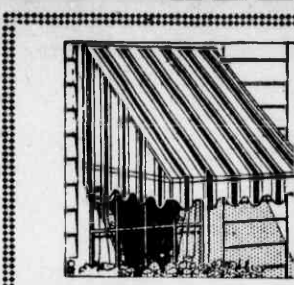
Relatives present for the day included Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Matthews, Miss Ruth Matthews and Miss Margie Matthews of Sanford route 4; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harrington, Miss Mary Maude Harrington and C. B. Harrington of Carthage; Miss Vera Harrington of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Matthews and Lynn Matthews of Lemon Springs; Misses Sadie, Addie and Mary Kate Matthews, Mrs. T. M. Cox, Misses Pauline, Ruth and Sadie Lou Cox and James Cox of Lemon Springs; Misses Gwyn and Mabelle Cox of Sanford; Mrs. R. H. Moffitt and Misses Rebecca and Eleanor Moffitt of Fayetteville; Miss Juanita Moffitt of Sanford; Mrs. Jane Keith and Aubrey Keith of Cameron; T. J. Keith of Fort Bragg; Miss Minerva Thompson of Lemon Springs; Mrs. R. E. Patterson of Manley; Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews and Mrs. George W. Brooks of Vass; and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson of Southern Pines.

Friends in attendance were Charles Robert Layton of Goldsboro; Miss Dorothy Hatch of Durham and Miss Ada Rabey of Southern Pines.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county.

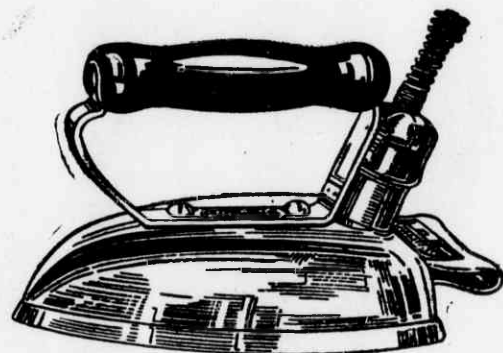
Page Trust Company, Trustee, to Moore County Securities Corporation: property in McNeill township. Page Trust Company, Trustee, to Moore County Securities Corporation property in Mineral Springs township.



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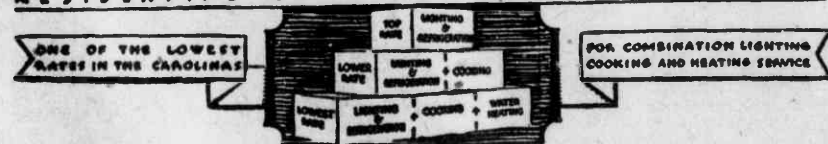
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