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County Tax Levy Remains Same

Annual Audit Nears Completion; Rate For New Fiscal Year Will Be \$1.86

The annual audit of the affairs of Johnston county by A. M. Pullen & company under the supervision of Mr. R. E. Wiggins, C. P. A., is nearly completed, and when the work is finished their reports will show the financial condition of the county at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th, 1928, and details of operations for the fiscal year from July 1st, 1927 to June 30th, 1928.

Work on the budgets of the various departments of the county government has progressed enough that it is now certain that the county-wide tax levy for the new fiscal year will not be increased, but will be the same as last year which was \$1.86. The County Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education have gone over the budgets several days of each week during the month, and the figures are now about complete. The contemplated tax levy for the County General fund, is fifteen cents on the hundred dollars worth of property; the levy for the Road and Bridge fund, thirty cents on each hundred dollars valuation; the levy for the Debt Service fund, thirty-three cents on each hundred dollars valuation.

The county-wide levy for a six-months school term will be \$1.08, the same as last year, though some cuts from the amounts granted on July 3 and 4 when the committees appeared before the board, will be made in order to keep it the same. An added item, that of carrying the expense of the \$750,000 school building bond issue is included in the \$1.08 levy.

The amounts needed for the various funds not including the schools are:

County General Fund.
County Auditor's office, \$6,580.00.
Treasurer's office, \$4,035.00.
Sheriff's office, \$13,315.00.
Register of Deed's office, \$7,860.00.
Clerk of Superior Court's office, \$9,550.00.
Courts and Jurors, \$18,950.00.
Welfare dept., 1,760.00.
Health dept., \$3,710.00.
Home Demonstration Department, \$1,610.00.
Charities and Correction's Department, \$7,546.90.
Courthouse and grounds, \$5,745.00.
County Home and Hospital, \$9,360.00.
County jail, \$7,665.00.
Tax Collector's office, \$6,500.00.
Tax Listing Department, \$3,875.00.

General Government, \$9,775.00.
TOTAL, \$117,836.90.

Road and Bridge Fund.
For maintenance of roads and bridges, \$113,400.00.

Debt Service Fund.
Sinks bonds, sinking fund and interest, \$129,109.00.

Prize String of Fish.

Last Wednesday Mr. Howard Masthiner and Dr. A. H. Rose caught the prize string of fish of the season from Holt Lake. These disciples of Isaack Walton landed about ten pounds of white perch.

PROVIDENCE S. S. HAS DELIGHTFUL PICNIC

The Sunday school at Providence Presbyterian church enjoyed a picnic at Holt Lake last Saturday. About forty were present. Boating, bathing and a sumptuous lunch were features of the day's program.

Between three and four thousand people were in Brule, Wisconsin, Sunday to catch a glimpse of the presidential party going into the little church. This was the largest crowd yet to attend the services at the little church since the Coolidge's arrived. Cars were parked in front of every house in the village and in fields nearby. The blind pastor of the church preached on Moses' delivery of Israel from Egypt. At the close of the service John Coolidge, the president's son, was introduced to the pastor.

Speed ahead—but lose not your head.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

George Hathaway recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: jhhotokserj

Blind Golfer



Barton Cooper, 13 year old blind son of Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Cooper of the Navy, plays golf. He plays with a caddy and gets his sense of direction from him. He has done some exceptional play.

Simmons Will Not Bolt Party

Friends Say He Will Vote For Al Smith; Mexican Good Will Flier Meets Death

Friends of Senator Simmons in Washington say that the senior North Carolina senator will not bolt the party in November. They declare that he will vote all of the Democratic ticket including Al Smith. Mr. Simmons has kept quiet on the subject so far. The Washington correspondent of a New York paper says that Simmons is preparing to formally declare himself for Smith, but Frank Humpal, the senator's secretary, denied this. Simmons is now in a hospital near Washington.

Captain Emilio Carranza, who last month attempted a non-stop flight from Mexico to Washington and failed when he was forced down near Mooresville, was killed last Thursday night when his plane crashed in a storm near Burlington, New Jersey. The aviator, often called the "Mexican Lindbergh," an hour before he met his death, took off from Roosevelt Field, New York, against the advice of veteran pilots. The body and the plane were not discovered until late Friday. A man wandering about, picking blackberries, came across the smashed plane and reported the crash to the Burlington police headquarters. A telegram revealed the identity of the man. Captain Carranza was a daring aviator, his record as an air pilot consisting of many remarkable flights. After failing in his first attempt to make a non-stop flight from his native country to Washington, he decided to try again. A triumphal welcome at Mexico City had been planned on his return.

A Duke University student for the last several days has been the center of much newspaper talk. The youth is Judy Rayford of Mobile, Ala., and will enter the sophomore class at Duke this fall. Young Rayford learned at his Alabama home that the famous sculptor Gutzon Borglum, was in search of him. So Rayford set out to "bum" his way to Durham and there he jumped through his window, made their way to the elevator and let themselves down to the first floor. In checking up the prisoners, Jailer Holt discovered the missing man and instituted a search at once. All nearby towns were telephoned to and notices of a twenty-five dollar reward were put out.

MEMBERS COTTON ASSO. TO MEET HERE THURSDAY

Members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association are requested to meet in the commissioners room of the courthouse here Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock for an important meeting. Dr. U. B. Blacklock, general manager of the association, will be present to make an address and the checks for the final settlement of the past year's cotton crop will be given out. All members are asked to attend this meeting.

Ding: "This tonic is no good."
Dong: "What's the matter?"
Ding: "All the directions it gives are for adults and I never had them."—Nebarska Awgwan.

Teacher: "Tommy, tell me what the prefix 'mag' means."
Tommy: "Big."
Teacher: "Then give me an illustration."
Tommy: "I like magpies."—Junior C. E. World.

Brief Summary Welfare Office

Welfare Superintendent Realizes Big Objective—Tuberculosis Annex at County Home

The duties of the County Welfare superintendent are so numerous and varied that it is impossible to tabulate much of the service which she renders, such as organization, investigation, and aid to state agencies, but a survey of the year's work finds certain things outstanding.

Mrs. D. J. Thurston, the county welfare superintendent in Johnston county states that she has seen one of the objectives for which she has worked materialize, and that is a tuberculosis home at the county home.

Four Men Break Out County Jail

Radford and Morlow Have Returned For Reward Still Offered But Other Two

Friday night about 9:30 o'clock, four men broke out of the Johnston County jail and made good their escape. The men were James Parker, aged about 20 years, John Parker, aged 18 years of age, John Radford, about 18 years of age, and Matthew Marlow, about 17 years old, all of whom were imprisoned for automobile thefts. Radford and Marlow lived in the vicinity of Selma but the two Parkers claimed to be from New York.

Sunday afternoon Radford and Marlow were returned to jail, but the other two are still at large. Marlow's father brought him back and gave him up to the sheriff, while Deputy Ellis apprehended Radford and placed him behind the bars again. These men state that the quartet went as far as Danville, Va. They claim to have separated in Selma, Radford and Marlow to board a freight. They seem to have run up with each other again in Danville but Marlow and Radford deny any knowledge of the whereabouts of the Parkers. A twenty-five dollar reward has been offered by Sheriff Turley for their apprehension.

The men made their escape Friday night when Jailer R. E. Holt left his office and went into the jail to lock the prisoners in their night cells. The men were confined in the lobby of the cell No. 1, and they broke through the ceiling and got to one of the ventilators which they prized open and went through to the roof of the courthouse. They evidently watched the jailer through the window of his office and knew when he went to lock the prisoners up, for while he was away they jumped through his window, made their way to the elevator and let themselves down to the first floor. In checking up the prisoners, Jailer Holt discovered the missing man and instituted a search at once. All nearby towns were telephoned to and notices of a twenty-five dollar reward were put out.

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The data secured last year showed that the cotton examined from Georgia and the Texas-Oklahoma area was of high grade but that a considerable proportion of it was below average mill requirements in staple length. Studies of Georgia mill consumption show that Georgia mills consumed approximately 288,000 bales of 7-8 inch cotton but that Georgia produced approximately three times the quantity of short cotton required by Georgia mills. Georgia mills consumed over 600,000 bales of 15-16 inch cotton last year, but Georgia produced only 172,000 bales of that length. Of 1,110,923 bales sampled from Georgia, approximately three per cent was less than 7-8 inch in length, and of 1,034,431 bales sampled in Texas and Oklahoma, 22 1/2 per cent was less than 7-8 inch in length.

The samples will be shipped from the cooperating gins to field offices in Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas, Austin and El Paso, where they will be classed. Field men have been selected to work in connection with each office, to make arrangements with representative gins for samples, and to maintain contacts with

Shooting Affair In Meadow Township

Sunday night about nine o'clock Mr. Ben Massengill of Meadow township was shot with a shotgun as he stood on the entry in front of his house. The load took effect in both feet and legs but unless complications set in the injuries are not considered serious. Mr. Massengill did not even call a physician.

Bloodhounds were taken down by Sheriff Turley yesterday morning and they trailed to the home of Paul Massengill, where details were learned concerning the party thought to have done the shooting. The injured man is a good citizen of Meadow and he thinks that he was shot because it was thought that he had reported blockade fronts. The shooting took place in front of a room where a child of Mr. Massengill was very ill with typhoid fever.

Government Makes Study Of Cotton

W. M. Sanders Will Cooperate In Study Of Grade and Staple Produced in South

William Page, of Wilson, representing the Government in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Page stated that W. M. Sanders of this city will cooperate with the government in making a study of the grade and staple of the cotton produced in the South. A study will be made of the cotton at three of Mr. Sanders' gins, one located here, one at Four Oaks and the other at Crantock Farm.

Congress has authorized and directed the Secretary of Agriculture to make and publish three or more estimates of the grade, staple length, and tenderability of the cotton crop as it is ginned.

This work is being conducted by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, through its Division of Cotton Marketing.

Estimates of the grade, staple, and tenderability of the cotton produced were made last year for the State of Georgia and a selected area farther west, including 27 adjacent counties in Texas and Oklahoma. This year the work is being expanded to cover the entire cotton belt, following the satisfactory outcome of last year's experience in reporting the grade and staple length for the areas mentioned. The service will be conducted in cooperating with the land-grant colleges, the agricultural experiment stations, and the extension services of the cotton producing states.

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Judge F. H. Brooks Writes Of Trip

Brief Comment on the Convention; Guest of Major Parrish In San Antonio, Tex; Arrive In San Diego, California

Judge and Mrs. F. H. Brooks and daughter, Miss Ruth Brooks, who have been touring the South and West enroute to San Diego, Cal., to visit relatives, have reached their destination. Judge Brooks writes another letter to the Herald, dated July 9.

"Well, things tumbled at Houston when the fall started and I've been on a rush since. I haven't taken time to write you about the convention and our trip.

"From the first meeting of the convention I saw the end—the nomination of Governor Smith on the first or second ballot, and it happened on the first ballot. Guess you got full report from the daily papers and I will not go into details. I'll say, however, that old North Carolina stood true to her colors till the last. Until Governor Smith was nominated we would not let the North Carolina banner go into the Smith demonstrations. We had two scuffles and tore the banner from its post rather than let it be carried in the Smith demonstration before the nomination. Of course after the nomination all delegates were for Governor Smith and let the banner join the parade.

"In traveling across the United States from Houston and talking with folks in various towns I find the sentiment mixed. A Republican hotel man at Socora, N. M., I think, said he was going to vote for Smith. Another in Arizona said Smith would carry Arizona. Some in California seem to think Hoover will carry the state by a big majority, while some individuals think Smith will carry the state.

"We left Houston, Texas, and went to San Antonio, Texas. We got there about twelve o'clock. We called up Major Robt. E. Parrish and he helped us locate at St. Anthony Hotel, then got his wife and gave us lunch at the Country club. Afterwards we attended a picture show and drove over the city as their guests. That night we had them to dinner with us at the St. Anthony Roof Garden where Major Parrish, his wife and Ruth danced a while, then driving back to the Country club for the dance. San Antonio is a beautiful city, and we enjoyed looking over the city and the hospitality of Major and Mrs. Parrish.

"We next drove to El Paso, Texas. This is quite a large city, but not so nice a place as San Antonio—so many Mexicans and is rather a dirty place. We went over to Jourez (Wourez) Mexico, where we visited the old Spanish cathedral and the market place. Every other place, almost, was a bar-room. We didn't like this place and didn't tarry long.

"We then drove on through Texas to Socoro, N. M., where we spent the night. We drove over to Grand Canyon National Park and spent part of the day. It is a wonderful place, beyond human description. I wish I could give a pen picture of this wonderful canyon—three to eighteen miles across at places. We drove around the rim for several miles. I picked up a small stone at a point 7,050 feet above sea level.

"I forgot to say that we passed through the petrified forest of Arizona and got some of the petrified pieces of trees.

"We then drove to Ashford, Arizona, and spent the night. Next day we drove to Kingman, Ariz., where we rested and slept until 8 o'clock Friday night when we started across the desert. From Kingman to Oatman we drove across some high mountains and along narrow roads and deep gorges. Mrs. Brooks got quite disturbed at first. However, we all soon became reconciled to the journey before us and settled down to an all night drive. The roads for most part were good, and the weather reasonably cool. We went by way of Needles on to Riverside, Cal., and down inland roads to San Diego via San Bernardino, Cal. We reached San Diego about three p.

Make Longest Flight in History



Major Del Prete and Captain Ferrarin, whose flight from Rome to South America was one of 4,600 miles, the longest flight thus far in the history of aviation.

County S. S. Ass'n Celebrates 88th At Pine Level Birth Anniversary

Pennant Will Be Presented The Sunday School Having Largest Representation Over 16 Years of Age

The officers of the Johnston County Sunday School Association announce that the annual county Sunday school convention will be held on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 23 and 24 with the Free Will Baptist church, Pine Level.

Outside speakers helping in the convention will be Miss Daisy Magee, Children's Division Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association of Raleigh, and Miss Freda Bose, of the past four years educational director of the New Orleans, La., Council of Religious Education, Louisville, Ky.

Also helping on the program will be several of the best known Sunday school workers in the county. The convention is interdenominational, and workers from all Sunday schools in the county are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements for the convention are Prof. G. T. Whitley and Miss Ruth Wilson, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers are requesting the cooperation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday school leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday school having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday schools of the county.

Baptist Minister and Family Back

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Morgan, Mr. Louis Morgan, Miss Isabel Morgan, David and Neill, arrived at home Thursday from Toronto, Canada, where they attended a meeting of the World Alliance. They were gone for about a month, making the trip by automobile and camping on the way. Mr. Morgan has consented to write some articles concerning his trip for the Herald, the first of which will probably appear in Friday's issue.

Revival in Progress At Old Cotton Mill

The Holiness denomination is conducting a revival at the Baptist church at the old cotton mill site. Mrs. L. L. Poole and Rev. G. P. Stargell of Selma are doing the preaching.

m. Saturday and found our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Parker and family well. I attended Sunday school at the First Baptist church, LaMesa, and we went to the First Presbyterian church Sunday for the eleven o'clock service. "Sunday afternoon we went out to Mission Beach where we had a picnic dinner with some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burnett, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Parker. "We are all well and are having a nice trip."

Many Enjoy Fine Birthday Occasion

Relatives and Friends Gather at the Home of Mr. Rufus A. Coates In Celebration To Celebrate 51st Birthday

So pleasurable was the fiftieth birthday occasion of Mr. Rufus A. Coates which was celebrated a year ago at his lovely country home in Ellevation township, that this year his relatives and friends gathered again last Friday to honor their neighbor and friend on his fifty-first birthday. The fine old oak grove was a fitting setting for such a meeting, and seats were arranged to accommodate the two hundred or more who were present on this occasion.

By eleven o'clock, the guests had about all arrived, and the festivities of the day began. It was a distinct pleasure to hear the Phillips quintet sing a number of gospel hymns. These singers were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Phillips and their three sons, Messrs. Chester, Milton and Lathan Phillips, and they sang as though inspired. Everybody present enjoyed their music and after the songs, Rev. Cadmus Coates, the oldest son of the hostess and host, who is a Free Will Baptist minister, preached a sermon. By this time the noon hour had arrived, and it was time to spread dinner.

A long table had been built under the trees, and when the ladies were through placing the good things to eat thereon, together with the handsome birthday cake studded with candles, and the vases of vari-colored perennial peas, it was a sight to please the eyes of any connoisseur. But the viands were just as pleasing to the palate as they were to the eye, as everybody was soon able to testify. The dinner was a splendid evidence that the men in that section are good providers, and the women are all good cooks.

A shower of rain interrupted for a time the program of the day, but nothing marred the friendly intercourse of neighbors and friends as they gathered on the spacious porches of the Coates home to get out of the rain. The Phillips choir sang again, and after the shower was over, Rev. D. C. Johnson, delivered a timely message which came from his heart.

Mr. Coates is one of the most prosperous farmers of Ellevation township. He has a fine plantation of two hundred acres, a hundred and fifty of which are cleared. He raises cotton, having forty-five acres this year; tobacco, his present acreage being fifteen; corn that yields a hundred barrels each year; besides all his feedstuffs and other things that makes a farmer the most independent person in the world. He is a patron of the Smithfield tobacco market, and states that prices received here last year were better than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates have reared a fine family and present at the birthday celebration Friday were eight of their nine sons and daughters. They are as follows: Rev. Cadmus Coates, of Benson; Mr. Cyrus Coates, of Four Oaks; Mrs. Nellie Langdon and Mrs. Velma Woodall, of Pleasant Grove township; Misses Zilla, Vertle, Ethel and Fannie Coates, who live with their parents. A daughter, Mrs. Eva Roberts, of Pine Level, was sick and unable to be present.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

Picnic At Holt Lake.

Kenly, July 16.—On Friday afternoon, July 13, Miss Virginia Kirby gave a picnic at Holt Lake in honor of her house guest, Miss Daphney Parker of Farmville. After a delightful afternoon of boating and bathing, supper was served. The young people were chaperoned by Mesdames J. H. Barnes, E. V. Neighbors and H. M. Grizzard.

Made Division Manager.

Mr. W. C. Ryals, who has been in the lightning rod business, has recently been appointed manager of the eastern district of North Carolina of the Delco-Light company.



Al Smith thinks he kin rock intolerance in de cradle of toleration.