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## PREPARATION FOR FAIR BEGINS

### Arrangements Are Being Made For A Real Exhibition of Washington County Products.

The fair association met in the court house with a rather large attendance of enthusiastic members.

The Washington County Fair Association is to be incorporated as early as possible, and it is to solicit its membership from all parts of the county immediately the charter is received. This is an important move in our opinion as it will embrace as its functioning body people from practically every nook and corner of Washington County.

The dates for the fair have not been decided upon definitely, but as soon as the proper kind of amusement enterprises can be procured the dates will be announced in such a manner that all sections of the county will be advised.

The following were elected temporary officers at this meeting:

- W. R. Hampton, president.
  - T. J. Swain, secretary,
  - W. B. Cox, treasurer,
  - Executive committee, W. R. Hampton, A. B. Litchfield, John W. Darden.
  - Chairman advertising committee, C. S. Ausbon.
  - Chairman, amusement committee, L. W. Gurkin.
  - Chairman, premium list committee, R. W. Johnston.
  - Z. V. Norman was placed in charge of incorporation proceedings.
- The progressive people of the county are urged to begin the preparation of their various exhibits, and information along this line can be obtained from Mr. R. W. Johnston.

## SKINNERSVILLE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Carlton Brown Schaffer, Miss Dorothy and Master Carlton Brown Schaffer, Jr., of Norfolk, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White.

Mrs. Emmett Grandy and children of Yonkers, N. Y., are guests of Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Rehoboth M. P. Sunday School gave a picnic on the church grounds last Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard Spruill has returned home after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spruill in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Aumack and Master Francis Everett spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chesson near Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blount and family, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harris and little Miss Sarah Elizabeth Frances of Edenton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swain and family of Plymouth, were guests of Mrs. Henrietta Swain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everett and family and Master Carlton Brown Schaffer, Jr., have returned after spending some time with Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Saunders at Aulander.

Mr. Louis Horton made a business trip to Williamston Tuesday.

## TAX PROBLEM IS TO BE HANDLED

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL AIMED AT SOLUTION OF NON-TAXABLE SECURITIES

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 18.—Partial solution of the question of non-taxable securities, which has aroused much discussion in legislatures and other places of recent years, is aimed at by a constitutional amendment bill introduced in North Carolina State Senate by Senator Wilson of Yanceville. The measure is aimed at cutting down taxes on money in banks and loans on real estate.

The bill as introduced recites that there are "various and sundry, good and legitimate securities now being sold in the state, many of which are non-taxable, but are inviting to investors and the investment in which removes funds that might otherwise be used in the building and development of the state and a considerable portion of such funds is being taken outside the state." It also recites that it is to the best interests of the state that all available resources should be kept in the state and that assets from without the state should be brought into the state.

It also goes on to state that liquid assets often are removed from or invested outside the state or in non-taxable securities or else concealed just before tax listing dates.

The amendment proposed in the measure is to section three of article five of the Constitution inserting the following:

"Provided that all moneys on deposit in any bank or trust company in the State of North Carolina, and notes secured by mortgage or deed of trust, on real estate situated within the state, if listed for taxation, shall be taxed, in the discretion of the General Assembly, not in excess of five cents for state purposes, thirty cents for county purposes and fifteen cents for municipal purposes on each one hundred dollars of value thereof."

The amendment would be submitted to the people at the November election.

## Attractive Premiums For State Fair

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—The North Carolina Agricultural Society is sending out its annual Premium lists with thirty thousand dollars in good money offered as prizes for exhibits. This is the best guarantee that a real Fair will be held this year.

Contemplated changes in the ownership of the sixty odd acres used for the Fair site will not go into effect this year and the Fair will be held in October as usual. The attractive premiums guarantee a big and interesting line of exhibits, the management announces, but these will be by no means all of the attractions. Some of the best gymnasts and an assortment of shows will be provided for amusement.

Three thousand for beef cattle and over three thousand dollars for dairy cattle ought to bring some good livestock to the fair, R. S. Curtis states, while W. W. Shay is equally sure that twenty-five hundred dollars in premiums for swine will fill the pens in his division.

Allen G. Oliver has been allotted twenty-seven hundred dollars in premiums for poultry, and G. P. Williams has a couple of thousand dollars to offer sheep growers. Altogether, more than ten thousand dollars is offered in the livestock division.

C. B. Williams draws four thousand five hundred dollars for his division of agricultural products while a thousand dollars is offered in the contests by agricultural clubs, and nearly a thousand dollars in the fruit division.

Attractive money prizes are offered in the various other divisions, while five thousand is set aside for the races, which are always an important part of the Fair.

Mr. G. C. Walters of Washington, was in town Monday.

Mr. Mark Dixon of Ayden, was in town Monday.

## CONCERT MON-DAY NIGHT

The concert class from the Pythian Home in Clayton will render a special program in the school auditorium Monday night.

The class has been especially invited by the local order Knights of Pythias, and it is hoped that a good crowd will attend. Tickets are now on sale at the drug stores and by various individuals. The proceeds will be used by the Home in Clayton.

The children will arrive in automobiles during the day Monday, and will be entertained in the homes of local Pythians.

This class enjoys the reputation of rendering splendid programs and it is certain that those who attend will be charmingly entertained.

## HOLMES-WILSON

Wilson's Mills, Aug. 15.—A marriage that will come as a surprise to their many friends in this section of the state took place last Friday evening at the Presbyterian Manse at New Bern when Miss Mary S. Holmes became the bride of Mr. Eaton Raymond Wilson. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. N. H. Summrell, pastor of the young couple.

The bride is an attractive young lady of Creswell. She has for the past two years been superintendent of Smithfield Memorial Hospital at Smithfield.

Mr. Wilson is the son of Mrs. John A. Wilson of Wilson's Mills. He has been a state highway contractor for several years.

They will make their home in Smithfield.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Practically all of Monday was consumed by the recorder's court. Most all of the following cases were tried by a jury.

Ernest Boyd received sixty days on the county roads for using a Chevrolet automobile owned by Dr. Claudius McGowan without permission.

A. B. Spivey was tried for assault on his wife with a deadly weapon. This case was not pressed.

Terry Ford, Joe Gaylord, William Johnson and George Arthur Cradel were tried for violating the prohibition law. Cradel was adjudged not guilty, while the others each received a sentence of six months. They gave notice of appeal to the superior court.

Ed Howell, of the Skimmersville section, was also tried for violating the prohibition laws in two cases, but was adjudged not guilty.

George Patrick was found not guilty of violating the prohibition laws.

## POWELLVILLE WINS HERE

Powellville won in a game of baseball here Wednesday afternoon by the score of six to four.

The local team did not seem to have their usual amount of pep in this game, while the visitors played a very aggressive game from beginning to end.

Mrs. H. M. Everett of Norfolk, left last Sunday after spending several days here with her son, Mr. W. A. Everett.

## SEMI-MONTHLY FARM NOTES

August 1st to 15th.

Weather. August has been hot and dry in North Carolina since the first of the month and crops are now showing the effects of rain in several sections. Welcomed rains occurred in many eastern counties on the 13th. The northern counties report the weather as favorable since the heavy rains early in July. The central or Piedmont territory has been far more favorably weathered this year than the eastern counties.

Crops improved over the state as a whole during August. However, the excessive rains washed out much fertility and left crops grassy on many farms. After the beating rains of July, the soils were left in a condition to be easily affected by the later dry weather. In the main, the condition of the soil is good. However, the dry and hot weather has baked soils in some areas, making them difficult to plow. Fields are generally clean and the majority of crops are well cultivated. The attitude of the farmer seems to be one of optimism. Many reports from the southeastern counties indicate that crops are in poor shape and the prospects discouraging. This is particularly true on light, sandy soils where the plants are generally small and unfruitful.

Cotton. It is evident that the boll weevil is doing little damage at this date except in three general localities. These are in Scotland-Robeson counties, Edgecombe-Halifax and Chowan. While they are present in most areas they are not as active as was expected. Lower Halifax has over 100 dusting machines in operation and are expected to counteract most of the boll weevil damage. Cotton has improved over the state as a whole. Plants are showing better color and fruitfulness. The bottom crop is reported as quite short. Many sections have reported heavy shedding, especially where conditions are dry.

Tobacco. Most of the tobacco crop is harvested in the eastern counties and is underway in the Old Belt. The conditions are only fair, with light weight as a rule. The color is generally good. The June and July rains washed out much of the fertilizer, leaving the texture thin. More wax is on the leaves than was at first expected. Much premature ripening has been experienced. Local reports of firing, bad stands and poor color have been received, as usual. Many sections have reported heavy shedding, especially where conditions are dry.

Corn. There is perhaps the most variable condition in the corn crop than has existed for many years in North Carolina. Where the heavy rains were experienced in many eastern counties, the corn is very poor on light soils, while it is fair to quite good on stiff lands. Many interior counties have very good corn prospects. The acreage is about as usual.

Peanuts. The peanut crop has improved considerably during August. The outlook is for a fair to good yield. Plants are generally regular in stands and have good color and size, following an opposite condition in July. They are pegging nicely. The acreage is considerably increased. Deficient plant food by leachage may affect the final yields.

Farm Labor. As expressed at the Tar River and Roanoke Livestock Association meeting at the Edgecombe Test Farm on the 14th, the farmers are coming to the point of depending upon their families for labor as needed hired help cannot be procured. In other words, they are adapting themselves to circumstances and are no longer complaining of the shortage.

## IN NEW QUARTERS

Smith Motor Company, local Chevrolet dealer has established themselves in their new quarters in the new Owens Building. Their apartment presents a most pleasing appearance and is ideally located for such a business.

Mr. O. O. Jackson is manager of this firm.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION CONSIDERED

### Boat Bill to be Voted On In November Election

Three amendments to the State Constitution are now being considered in the State Legislature for submission to the voters in the November election.

The first is to create a sinking fund for all bond issues with full guarantee against using same for other purposes.

The second is to change the judicial machinery of the State, taking the big counties (those having 50,000 population or more) out of the judicial circuits and making independent districts of them. These districts will have a local judge, who shall have the same power as the Supreme court judge.

The third is to increase the pay of members of the legislature from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per day.

The boat bill will be passed in a form submitting it to the vote of the people in November which is of course Democratic and just, provided the people can get the unbiased facts relative to the bill.

The bill to increase the pay of the members of the legislature was introduced by Mr. Patterson who does not return at the next session. A similar amendment was passed in the 1921 session and slaughtered by the people at the general election of 1922.

A large number of bills of an insignificant nature have been passed and several to correct errors made in the last assembly were also passed.

## NORTH CAROLINA NOW FIFTH IN FEDERAL TAXES

Greensboro, Aug. 18.—The State of North Carolina with a total of approximately \$158,000,000 collected in federal taxes for the year ending June 30, 1924, has passed Ohio and now ranks fifth in the entire United States, according to a statement made here yesterday by William Grissom, of Raleigh, internal revenue collector for the state.

Mr. Grissom said that he obtained his figures from David H. Blair, internal revenue commissioner, who is now in Winston-Salem.

North Carolina had previously stood sixth among the states. The high figures for the year just passed pushes her ahead of Ohio and into fifth position. The states are now in this order:

First, New York; second, Pennsylvania; third, Illinois; fourth, Michigan; fifth, North Carolina, sixth, Ohio.

Furthermore said Mr. Grissom, at the rate at which federal taxes are now coming in it appears that North Carolina will surpass the above figures. "And if they would only quit making automobiles in Michigan we would go ahead of that state," Mr. Grissom added.

The federal taxes include internal revenue taxes on tobacco, income, franchise and other taxes. Of the approximately \$158,000,000 collected last year in North Carolina about \$120,000,000 comes from the tobacco taxes.

## GOOD GAME YESTERDAY.

In a fast and interesting game yesterday Plymouth defeated Colerain here by the score of two to nothing.

The game was entirely without argument and delighted fans supporting both teams.

The Plymouth team left here this morning for Powellville and Colerain where they will play this afternoon and tomorrow. Manager Brown informs us that these two games will close the season for the Plymouth aggregation.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Krause and son, Buster, of Portsmouth, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Darden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon returned last Sunday from a visit to Ocean View and Norfolk.

Messrs. Roy Davenport, Frank Ausbon and Wesley Harrison motored to Belhaven and Washington Sunday.

Mr. Harry Chopick and son, Tamas, are visiting in North Tonawanda, Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Messrs. C. E. Mizell and J. W. Buchanan of Roper, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. F. Leary of Roper, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. G. W. Phelps of Skimmersville, was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Ruby Phelps returned Wednesday from a visit to friends in Pungo.

Mr. Rex Fleury of Greensboro, was in town several days this week.

Mr. G. T. Blow of Edenton, was in town on business last Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Burgess, manager of Ca-beon Quality Shop, is in New York purchasing his fall and winter stock of goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler and son, Buster, and Jimmie Smith returned Tuesday from a motor trip to Asheville and other mountain cities.

Mr. W. T. Spruill, Jr., of Roper was in town yesterday.

Mr. E. S. Diant, county, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Rev. N. H. Harrison, Sr., of the Long Acre section, was in town for quite a while Wednesday.

Mr. Monroe Woodley of Skimmersville, was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Louise Harrison returned yesterday from a visit to friends and relatives in New Bern.

Miss Ruth Chesson returned yesterday from a visit to her brother, Mr. John Chesson, in Raleigh.

Mr. Geo. L. Raiff of New York is here in the interest of his business.

Mr. Raymond Leggett of Suffolk, Va., is in town this week.

Mr. Allen Dupree returned Sunday after an absence of two years during which time he traveled quite extensively.

Mr. Linwood Brown of New York, is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown on Jefferson street.

Mr. Wiley Norman of Roper was in town this week.

## "FOLLOW EDENTON-MACKEYS FERRY ROAD SIGNS"

Edenton-Mackeys Ferry EAST AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORT (Across Albemarle Sound in 1 hr.) CONNECTS COASTAL HIGHWAY ROUTES 90, 32 AND 342 Raleigh and Wilmington, N. C., to Norfolk, Va.

And Other Towns Along Routes Wilson, Goldsboro, Kinston, Greenville, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, New Bern, Washington, Williamston, Plymouth, Mackeys, Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va.

Permanent All Year Schedule Leaves Edenton 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 4 p. m. Lv. Mackeys 9:30 a. m., 1, 5:30 p. m. (Midday trips not run on Sundays)

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